



**Astronet Board**  
**September 16<sup>th</sup> 2005**  
**Summary of decisions**

Present:

For CNRS/INSU : A.-M. Lagrange (Board member), F. Casoli (PM), E. Kohler, A. Weexsteen

For ESO : G. Monnet (Board member), J. Melnick (WP2 leader)

For INAF : P. Vettolani (Board member), A. Fontana (WP1 leader)

For PPARC : R. Sirey, R. Davies (WP3 leader)

For NOTSA : J. Andersen

For MEC : M. Mas-Hesse

For PT-DESY : O. Kühnholz (also representing BMBF, WP4 leader)

For the European Commission : M. van Achter

Excused:

R Koepke (BMBF), A Voges (MPG)

### **1. Chairperson election**

The ASTRONET Board elected unanimously J. Andersen as its Chairperson, for a one year term.

### **2. Consortium Agreement**

The agreement as of Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Some changes were made. The agencies who have not yet sent their comments should do so by september 23.

### **3. List of thematic panels for WP2 and members (R. Davies)**

The status of this item was presented. A tentative list of panels was presented and discussed.

.After discussion, 5 thematic panels are foreseen :

1. Cosmology and fundamental physics
2. Sun and solar-stellar connection
3. Life cycle of stars, gas and planetary systems
4. Formation and evolution of galaxies from assembly to present
5. Extreme astrophysics

The task leader T. de Zeeuw will propose to the Board, by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>:

- The terms of reference for the Panels - A description of the content of each item
- A list of names for Panel chairs and members, with alternates..

Working groups : the composition of the working group for the Science Vision proposed was the following

The five panel chairs

The leader of task 2.2 (T. de Zeeuw)

The WP3 leader (R. Davies)

2 or 3 « at large » members (experts)

possibly 1 or 2 “international” experts.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the working group should not have non-european members. However, the working group may invite external consultants if needed for a particular expertise.

#### 4. Organization of the discussion with countries potentially interested to join (J. Andersen)

The Board has considered a 3-levels participation to ASTRONET:

- ➔ Contractors
- ➔ Associates
- ➔ ASTRONET Forum members.

If adopted, this may imply a revision of the Consortium Agreement and/or of the DoW. Further discussions were postponed to the EC meeting.

#### 5. Administrative and managerial issues

See M. van Achter presentation.

Some important points to be noted:

- The responsibility for ASTRONET fulfilling its goals is within the *whole* consortium
- Special care has to be taken to respect the reporting periods
- Mr van Achter strongly suggested to perform budget checks more frequently than the official reportings
- The identifiable taxes (i.e. VAT on bills, airport taxes for plane tickets) are NOT ELIGIBLE
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The contract is expected to be signed in 4 to 6 weeks from now; the first funds should arrive to the coordinator in less than 2 weeks afterwards.

#### 6. Various

A list of Board members and substitutes and a list of WP leaders and substitutes were circulated. These lists will be used as references for further mailings. It will be the responsibility of members and substitutes to disseminate, if relevant, the informations (meetings, etc) provided among their agency or the tasks leaders.

#### LIST OF ACTIONS

Who	Action	When
PPARC , NWO	Send comments on agreement to AML/FC/EK	05/09/23
TdZ, RD	Send proposal for Science Vision Panels	05/10/01
ALL	Working definition of Member, Associate, Forum (see EC meeting)	