

REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN ASTRONOMY

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OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN ASTRONOMY

The report is based on the following outline:

- *overview of the country research system*
- *management of bodies performing and managing research on Astrophysics domain*
- *mutual interactions and relationships among bodies*
- *strategic planning*
- *country membership @ main international astrophysical organizations*
- *funding and resources granting procedures*
- *personnel (recruitment procedures, training activities, # of scientists, PhDs, technicians, etc..)*

We explicitly remark that we have **not included** any presentation or discussion of the scientific achievements such as:

- *statistics about publications/citations;*
- *statement on the scientific level or competitiveness;*
- *detailed list of facilities;*

Currently, the report contains a description of the organization of Astronomical Research in each ASTRONET full contractors country, with the exception of the Nordic Countries.

STATUS

The current status of the work is:

15 August: Single country Reports has been distributed to each country contact point for feedbacks and incorporating quantitative data.

(For this reason, we regard the current version as still confidential, since the relevant representatives must agree upon its content before it is freely circulated)

20 September: Delivered the full report to the board members for feedbacks

FURTHER STEPS

The following improvements are still needed to obtain the final report:

- Finalize the reception and inclusion of all data and feedbacks from countries and Board members;
- Prepare a synthetic view (summary) for each country;
- Prepare a **Conclusions** Section with a well meditated comparison among the different realities
- Prepare a **Preface** Section and **Introduction** Section.
- A synthetic but comprehensive view for a hasty reader
- Improve editorial aspects (aesthetic issues).

We expect to be able to complete such changes within the next **Executive Meeting of 20 November**, where we plan to present the final version to be sent to the Board for the final approval.
(provided that **we receive feedback from the other countries in less than one month from now**).

- In 2007 prepare a release 2 of the Report to include the countries of new participants in ASTRONET

Dissemination

- Press Conference, Articles?

FURTHER STEPS

We remind that the first goal of the whole WP1 is:

"to establish a forum for regular consultations between national and international funding agencies for European astronomy",

and that in particular WP1.1 aims at:

"establishing a framework for systematic exchange of information between agencies"

and that, after the completion of the Report, the next step will be to coordinate and make this exchange permanent throughout the duration of the network activities.

In this direction, the preparation of the Report is only the first step. To fully accomplish the goal, not only of WP1.1 but of the ASTRONET itself, it is necessary to make a further step.