



First Circular

Dear IAU Members,

As part of the CC1 activities and in particular of the objectives of the WG3: Astronomy for Equity and Inclusion, we have the pleasure to announce the first workshop on Astronomy Beyond the Common Senses for Accessibility and Inclusion. This is an interdisciplinary meeting with participation from astronomers, educators and disability specialists. This workshop provides an opportunity to develop new strategies, work toward specific objectives, share experiences, discuss recent applications, and participate in workshops that were developed for audiences with disabilities.

The workshop will be developed as part of the LARIM 2016, on October 8th, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, and with the support from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Bogotá-Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Cartagena, Parque Explora y Planetario de Medellín, Idartes - Planetario de Bogotá.

We have also the pleasure to have as chair of the SOC, the help of Wanda Diaz-Merced, a blind astronomer, associated member of the Division C.

Scientific Organizing Committee:

Wanda Díaz-Merced (OAD, South Africa))
Amelia Ortiz Univ. de Valencia, Spain)
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Beatriz García (IAU-CC1, ITeDA, Argentina)

Preliminary Agenda

Invited talks and/or special activities

Dr. Wanda Diaz-Merced (OAD).

Dr. Nancy Brickhouse, Center for Astrophysics , Massachusetts.

Dr. Mathews Schneps, Laboratory of Visual Learning Massachusetts Institute of
Technology and University of Massachusetts Boston.

Dr. Cassandra Runyon, College of Charleston.

Contributions:

Parque Explora, Angela Pérez

Planetario Bogotá, Mauricio Giraldo

WG3, Lina Canas (OAO, Japan)

Exhibitions

Light Beyond the Bulb, tactile images, , Kimberley Kowal Arcand

To be part of this event, please send a mail to the chairs of the Workshop:

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The poster of the meeting can be download from:

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