

A new IAU Working Group for communicating radio astronomy

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At the IAU General Assembly in Vienna in August 2018, Commission C2 (Communicating Astronomy with the Public) will agree a number of new Working Groups within the commission, one of the proposed new Working Groups is “Communicating Radio Astronomy”. With the coming Square Kilometre Array, the development of the African VLBI Network, and efforts to convert defunct communication antennas to radio telescopes ongoing in SE Asia and South America, radio astronomy science and technology is booming. The aim of this WG is to connect communicators around the world in order to foster international collaboration, discuss the particular challenges of communicating radio astronomy, and to share successes and best practise. This contribution will outline the scope and goals of this WG, and explain how you can get involved.