



EUROPEAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Elections for Council

Under the Constitution (Article 12) and the Bye-Laws (Article IV) of the EAS, the Council has the responsibility to propose a slate of suitable candidates for vacant posts in Council. Last autumn Council appointed a nominating committee consisting of Birgitta Nordström (chair), Ian Robson, and Yaroslav Yatskiv to determine the slate of candidates for the Council positions that will become vacant this year.

The following positions on Council are becoming vacant. The proposed candidates follow each position. Short CVs for each candidate are attached.

President

Thierry Courvoisier, Versoix, Switzerland

Vice-President

Mary Kontizas, Athens, Greece

Treasurer

Anne Dutrey, Bordeaux, France

Councillors

João Fernandez, Coimbra, Portugal

Andrej Finkelstein, St. Petersburg, Russia

All of the above are members of the Society and have agreed to serve for the specific 4 years period. Groups of at least 20 Ordinary Members or (groups of) Affiliated Societies with at least 50 Ordinary Society Members may nominate additional candidates, provided such candidates have indicated in writing that they are willing to serve if elected. Such nominations are valid only if they reach the Secretary within two months following the date of the mailing of the slate proposed by Council. If no nominations are received by that date, the above proposed members of Council will be considered to have been elected.

The present composition of Council and details of the Constitution and Bye-Laws may be found at <http://eas.unige.ch>.

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Council elections 2010: Background of candidates

Thierry Courvoisier – President

Thierry Courvoisier obtained a PhD in theoretical physics at the University of Zurich in 1980. He then spent 4 years working with ESA's EXOSAT satellite at the European Space Operations Center (ESOC) of ESA in Darmstadt and 4 years at the Space Telescope European Coordinating facility in ESO in Garching. He joined the Observatory of the Geneva University in 1988. He is full professor there and leads the INTEGRAL Science Data Centre (ISDC) in Versoix near Geneva. His research has been centred mostly on multi-wavelength observations and interpretation of Active Galactic Nuclei and on high energy astrophysics.



Mary Kontizas – Vice-President

Mary Kontizas received her PhD at the University of Edinburgh, UK in 1977. She is Associate Professor at the Department of Astrophysics, Astronomy and Mechanics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. She had a visiting appointment at GSFC/NASA 1989-1990 and several visiting appointments at various European institutions (Trieste/OAT, Strasbourg/CDS, OHP). She served on the EAS Council as Member (1997- 2001) and Editor of the Newsletter of EAS from 1997 to 2005. She is member of the executive committee of the working group “Women in Astronomy” of the International Astronomical Union (IAU). Her research interests are centred on studies of extragalactic star clusters, evolution of galaxies, and on large scale star formation in galaxies. Since 2005 she participates in the European consortium DPAC for the preparation of the ESA mission Gaia.



Anne Dutrey – Treasurer

Anne Dutrey obtained in 1991 at the Grenoble Observatory her PhD from the University of Toulouse, France. From 1992 to 2000, she was astronomer at IRAM where she was involved in the development of the Plateau de Bure Interferometer. She is currently working at the Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Bordeaux (LAB), as Directeur de Recherche (CNRS). She is expert in mm interferometry and she studies the physical and chemical conditions encountered in dust and gas disks surrounding low-mass stars, both from the observational and modeling points of view. She is also actively involved in the preparation of ALMA, since the early days (1995). She served already as EAS Treasurer for the period 2007-2010.



João Fernandes – Councillor

João Fernandes earned a PhD in Astrophysics (1996 – University of Paris) and is assistant professor (since 1999) at the Department of Mathematics of the University of Coimbra, Portugal. He is astronomer at the Astronomical Observatory of the University of Coimbra and the research areas are stellar evolution and history of astronomy, publishing (around) 50 papers and contributions for meeting proceedings, in both fields, since 1994. João Fernandes was nominated in 2007, by the International Astronomical Union, as IYA2009 single point of contact for Portugal and he is (since 2009) the Portuguese member at the ESO Science Outreach Network (ESON). João Fernandes is member of the IAU and EAS.



Andrey Finkelstein – Councillor

Andrey Finkelstein earned his doctorate degree in 1990 at Ioffe Physical Technical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS). He is the director of the Institute of Applied Astronomy of RAS since 1988. He is a professor of radio physics at the department of St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University since 2001 and head of the department of radio astronomy of St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University since 2003. He got a rank of Russian Federation honored worker of science in 1999. He became a laureate of the Russian Government Prize in 2004. He is a vice-president of the Scientific Board of RAS on positioning, navigation and timing. He is a foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, a member of Directing Boards of European VLBI Network (EVN) and International VLBI Service for geodesy and astrometry (IVS). A. Finkelstein is an expert in the field of relativistic celestial mechanics, astrometry, geodynamics, and radio interferometry.

