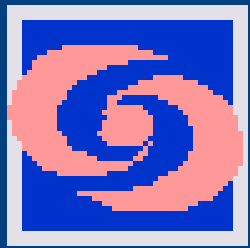


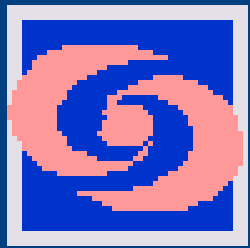
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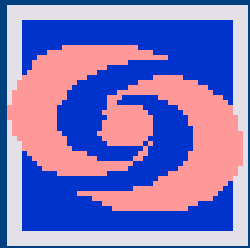
Presentation

- Founded in 1992
- To act as a qualified and unified voice for astronomers, communicating with civil society and representative authorities
- 39 founder members
- <http://sea.am.ub.es>



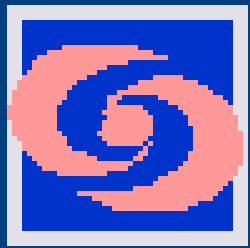
Presentation

- Currently over 550 members
 - Senior members
 - Junior Members
 - Associate Members
- Special relations with the RSEF (Physics) and SEM (Mathematics)
- SEA representative in the CNA (Spanish National Committee on Astronomy)



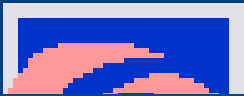
Organization

- Executive Board
 - President
 - Vice-president
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Three Vocals
- General Assembly
- Commissions
 - The terms are for four years
 - Half the board is changed every two years



Commissions

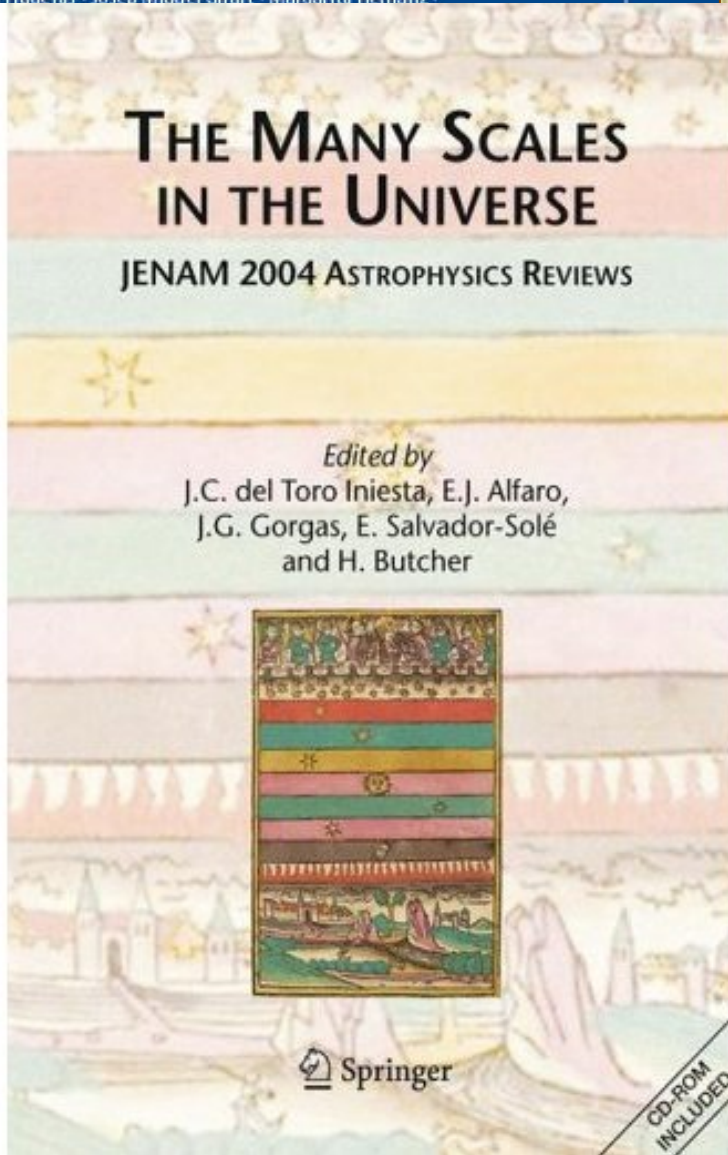
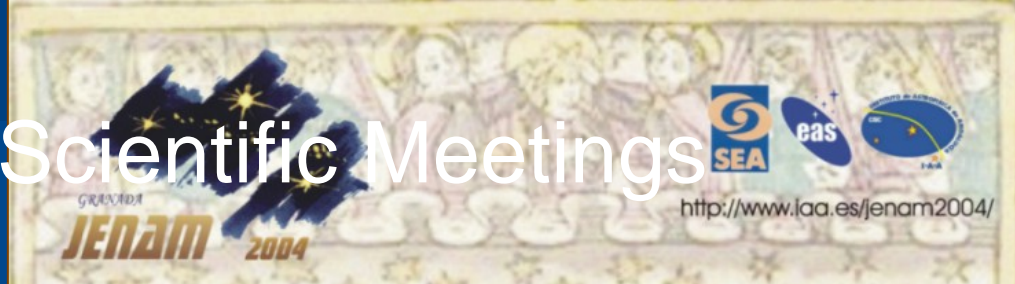
- **Scientific Commission (Bi-annual Science meetings)**
- **Information Commission (Bulletin & web page)**
- **Human Resources**
- **Astronomical Terminology (in Spanish)**
- **Astronomy Teaching**
- **Amateur Astronomy**



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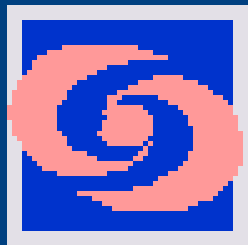
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Santander - Cantabria

- Two sister societies invited at the scientific meetings
 - France and Portugal this year

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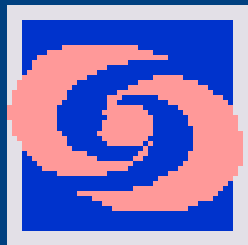


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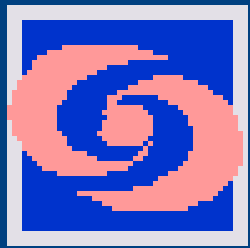


SEA's political & advisory roles

- Through CNA, SEA had a role in discussions leading to the construction of new observing facilities in Spain (GTC, 40 m - Yebes) and the integration of Spain in international consortia (e.g. ESO)
- SEA has been the leading promoter and founder of COSCE (Confederation of Spanish Scientific Societies).

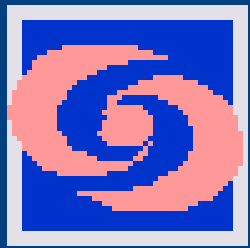
COSCE is now a reference voice for the Spanish scientific establishment, with relation with both the administration and the parliament.





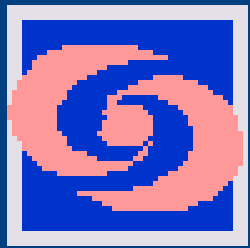
Other activities

- SEA Prize to the best thesis
 - Bi-annual prize
 - 1600€
- Publication of brief astronomy articles for a Planeta-Agostini weekly magazine
- SEA strongly involved in the organization of the International year of Astronomy in Spain



Main Concerns

- Decreasing trend in the science student population
- Thus lack of manpower for the upcoming challenges



EAS relation

- Most young people reluctant to become EAS members
- EAS not attractive
- Not clear what the added value of belonging to EAS
- EAS should start a task force programme to
 - Strengthen its visibility in the European scene
 - Increase twofold its membership
 - Make an inventory of services to its members
 - Act on problems and concerns that affect the European astronomy community