

# BINA/BIPASS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Wednesday 04/12/2024, 09:00 UT)

## **PRESENT:**

- MDB = Michaël De Becker (ULiège, Belgium)
- PDC = Peter De Cat (ROB, Belgium)
- SKG = Shashikiran Ganesh (PRL, India)
- SJ = Santosh Joshi (ARIES, India)
- LM = Laurent Mahy (ROB, Belgium)

## **ABBREVIATIONS:**

- AI = Action item

(start at 09:00 UT)

## **1. 4TH BINA WORKSHOP**

### **LOCATION**

Drisyra Karinkuzhi has agreed to organize the 4th BINA workshop at the University of Calicut and will serve as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

### **DATE**

A Belgian State mission to India is planned for March 2025, with the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium. This mission, primarily economic, will take place in New Delhi and Mumbai and will include politicians, industry representatives, and possibly a few university representatives. Although ULiège was invited, it declined participation in this economic mission. They proposed a science-focused mission to India with visits to multiple locations. If ULiège scientists would already participating in a mission, there might be an opportunity to combine both efforts. However, this is not a strong requirement and could introduce logistical constraints.

Given these considerations, we propose 05-07/11/2025 for a three-day scientific workshop. Considering availability in November, MDB can free himself for one week but cannot commit to two weeks due to teaching duties. LM and PDC have no major restrictions, as the proposed dates follow the autumn school holidays. To allow more time for poster viewing and discussions, extending it to four days is under consideration.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

The proceedings will be published in the *Bulletin de la Société Royale des Sciences de Liège*, following the format of previous BINA workshops.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Two conference rooms are available, with capacities of 150 and 400 attendees. We aim for approximately 100 in-person participants. It is unclear whether the workshop can be organized in a hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and online participants, and this will need further evaluation.

## **SOC MEMBERS**

The first step is to form the Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC), which will consist of a maximum of 10 members. We aim for a balanced representation in terms of country, institution, gender, and scientific specialty. MDB and SKG agreed to be the co-chairs of the SOC for Belgium and India, respectively.

→ AI MDB, PDC, LM: suggest Belgian SOC members

→ AI SKG, SJ: suggest Indian SOC members

## **TITLE**

No title has been proposed yet. Suggestions are welcome.

## **FUNDING**

We have discussed about possible sources of additional funding for the workshop:

- *India*: Explore funding opportunities from various agencies.
- *Belgium*: AMOS is unlikely to sponsor, and BELSPO funding remains uncertain due to Belgium's current lack of government and potential budget cuts for science in 2025.

A registration fee of approximately 100 € is anticipated for in-person participants.

(end at 10:30 UT)

NEXT MEETING:

To be decided.