

BINA/BIPASS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Monday 27/01/2025, 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)

INVITED GUEST:

- DK = Drisya Karinkuzhi (UoC, India)

ABBREVIATIONS:

- AI = Action item

(start at 09:00 UT)

1. 4TH BINA WORKSHOP

COSTS:

The costs related to the participation of the 4th BINA workshop will be low. It is expected that accommodation will cost at maximum 50€/day of about 200€ for the full workshop (including meals). There are 5 rooms available for astronomers in the guesthouse and many for students. The campus is located about 15 minutes from the airport and there are many hotels in the neighbourhood.

It is anticipated that the accommodation costs for invited speakers can be covered by the organiser but they will have to pay for the travel themselves.

PARTICIPATION OF BELGIAN PARTNERS:

Unlike for the previous BINA workshops, we do not have BINA funding to cover the costs for the participation of Belgian partners. If BIPASS is formally extended for one year and depending on the other BIPASS costs, then it might be possible to use BINA funding to cover the travel costs for 2 or 3 Belgian participants.

We discussed about the anticipated participation of Belgian BINA members to the 4th BINA workshop:

- ROB: PDC (Belgian member of BINA/BIPASS steering committee). He already has an informal agreement that the ROB will pay for his trip.
- ROB: LM (Belgian member of BINA/BIPASS steering committee).
- ULiège: MDB (Belgian member of BINA/BIPASS steering committee). Students of his group might be able to go to India too. He mentioned that Guillaume Mahler is a new faculty member working on extragalactic astronomy who already submitted a DOT proposal and is very interested in the BINA collaboration.

It would be nice if all the active Indo-Belgian projects would be represented by a Belgian participant in India, so we would envision and investigate the participation of:

- Collaboration with SKG (ULiège: Emmanuel Jehin, Michaël Gillon).
- Collaboration with DK (VUB: Sophie Van Eck, Alain Jorissen).

- Collaboration with Indians on solar physics (ROB/OD4: group of David Berghmans, Ronald Van der Linden; KULeuven/CmPA: group of Tom Van Doorselaere)
- Collaboration with Indians on meteorites (Belgium - India research Group on Meteorites and impact Crater (BigMaC); VUB: Philippe Claeys; ROB/OD1: Ozgur Karatekin) --> to be explored?

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Prepare Google document for preregistration (= expression of interest to participate in the 4th BINA workshop)
2. Modify the first announcement of the 4th BINA workshop accordingly and send it asap.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT YOUNG BINA COLLEAGUES

Anindya Saha is a PhD student at IIST that is co-supervised by Anandmayee Tej en MDB. He will defend his PhD on Wednesday 29/01/2025 at 14:15 Indian (= 09:45 Brussels time). It is an open session and BINA members are welcome to attend the online meeting:

- URL: https://imeet.vconsoil.com/join/5366360414?be_auth=OTE3MDQ3
- Conference ID: 5366360414
- Password: 917047

Bharti Arora finished her post-doc position at ULiège in October 2024. She returned to India where she will start a position as assistant professor in an institue close to Delhi in February.

Krishnakumar Aravind will come to ULiège for a post-doc position (same kind as the one Bharti Arora) but his arrival in Belgium is seriously delayed because of complications with the administration. The visa application procedure for long-term stays in Belgium (more than 90 days) changed in 2023 and have become a lot more complicated that before.

3. BINA WEBSITE

Mr. Vibhav Pandey prepared a new version of the BINA website during his recent internship at ARIES under supervision of SJ (<http://bina.42web.io/>). The goal is to make the new BINA website as complete as possible before the Belgian Economic Mission to India in March. PDC will participate in the first part of this mission (taking place in New Delhi) where he will have the possibility to present a short talk (10 minutes) about the history and scientific outcome of the Indo-Belgian collaborations on space science.

We will have an online meeting with him tomorrow (Tuesday 28/01/2025) at 14:30 Indian time (= 10:00 Belgium Time) where he will show how to make changes and add content to the website:

- URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82872075466?pwd=HVYkz9RNbKWYjHBDQUaULkoGpqrozL.1>
- Meeting ID: 828 7207 5466
- Passcode: 716545

The meeting will be recorded. All feedback on the new BINA website is welcome and all BINA/BIPASS Steering Committee members are welcome to attend.

(end at 10h00 UT)

NEXT MEETING:

To be decided