

## C19 2011 REPORT

1. Past symposia. C19 has supported the biennial Texas Symposia on Relativistic Astrophysics for about a decade, most recently the 25<sup>th</sup> in Heidelberg, December 6-10, 2010. In odd numbered years, we have attempted to support a meeting in a non-prosperous country. In 2009, the IUPAP Council decided not to provide funds for any astrophysics meeting (presumably in honor of International Year of Astronomoy), and it was necessary for a private donor to provide the equivalent of 6000 euros for the meeting we had intended to support. For 2011, we asked, and received, permission to mortgage our odd-numbered year funding to support a meeting in Burkino Faso, on formation and evolution of galaxies, in December 2010. It was attended by about 200 people from 27 countries, including several African nations, with the IUPAP money used to pay for their travel.
2. Future symposia. Some members of the "Texas" International Organizing Committee, which includes some C19 members, met in Heidelberg and heard proposals for future meeting. There was only one for 2012, from Brazil, and a later vote by the full IOC agreed to accept this proposal for a meeting in December, 2012, for which we hope there will be IUPAP money available. Then the situation becomes complicated. There were two proposals for 2014, from Liverpool and from CERN/Geneva/Switzerland (site of LHC), and the IOC voted to accepted the Swiss invitation, although the Liverpool one was very well prepared and presented. BUT, Dallas Texas wants to host a 2013 meeting celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first, 1963, Texas symposium in December of that year, and want it to be called a Texas Symposium. If C19 wants to support a 2013 "Texas" then there will presumably not be money available for a conference in non-prosperous country, unless you feel that Texas now comes under that heading! We leave it to the next set of officers to deal with this problem
3. Young physicists' prizes: There were about a dozen nominations for the 2009 and 2010 prizes. Both were presented, and the prize talks given, at Heidelberg.  
2009: Poonam Chandra (India/Canada). The Most Distant Explosions in the Universe (radio observations of GRBs and SNe)  
2010: Thomas Schweizer (Germany). Crab in Gamma Rays (MAGIC data)  
We have not checked whether they got their manuscripts in on time for the proceedings.  
2011-2012: The prizes for 2011 and 2012 will be presented at 2012 Texas symposium, and the opportunity to nominate young astrophysicists will be advertized early in 2012
4. Associate members. New ones would normally be appointed in 2012, and C19 should do something about this, as our current ones have been on-station for several terms.
5. Restructuring of PANAGIC to APPIC. The officers decided to leave this issue for their successors, except for information advice to Malcolm Maccallum, who is chairing the process, to establish some sort of link to the IAU Working Group on Future Large Scale Facilities, which was re-established at the 2009 GA and is chaired by the current president of the Royal Astronomical Society, Roger Davies.