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Topics for the upcoming meeting

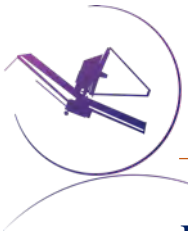
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Topics from September (1)

- Data link coverage and the Deep Space Network
 - Update in the JWST SOC & NASA presentations
 - Artemis 2 delayed to no earlier than September 2025 (Cycle 4)
- Exclusive Access Period
 - User survey circulated to STUC and JSTUC
 - Need to finalise Advisory Committee, aiming for recommendations for Cycle 4
 - Offline discussions at this meeting rather than a presentation
 - Charter in place



Advisory Committee Charter

User Committee Advisory Committee on Exclusive Access Periods for HST and JWST

The US government is placing increased emphasis on making federally-funded data and research available immediately to the science community. The 12-month default exclusive access period for JWST Small and Medium programs is receiving particular attention. In late 2022 and early 2023, following requests from the Space Telescope Users Committee (STUC) and James Webb Space Telescope User Committee (JSTUC), STScI conducted a survey of the HST and JWST user communities to solicit opinions on Exclusive Access Periods. STScI has compiled the feedback in a report for the user committees. The present advisory committee is tasked with assessing the community responses and advising the STScI Director on the approach to take with regard to possible future changes.

In particular, the committee is tasked with addressing the following questions:

- Based on the community feedback, what are the key pros and cons with regard to maintaining an exclusive access period for HST and JWST data?
- What steps should be taken in the near-term if there are external requirements to reduce the exclusive access period and provide greater community access to different categories of JWST observations?
- What is an appropriate long-term baseline for the default exclusive access period of different categories of HST and JWST observations and why?
- What are appropriate justifications for requesting an exclusive access period above the baseline value?
- What protocols should be promulgated regarding community behavior to respect intellectual investment by investigators on programs with reduced exclusive access period?

The committee will provide a report on these issues by TBD 2024 (TBC).



Topics from September (2)

- Pipeline and Calibration
 - Extensive activities since September including hosting a workshop at STScI & sessions at AAS
 - Focus of David Law's talk and subsequent discussion session
- TAC Process
 - Call updated to provide greater clarity on the process
 - Duplication review procedures revised to identify cases earlier & involve TAC members
 - Topics arising from the Cycle 3 TAC
 - Science categories
 - Targets of opportunity
 - Grading scheme
 - Page limits
 - Overall workload
 - See Christine Chen's presentation and subsequent discussion session
- Budgeting process
 - Webinar planned for Cy 3 proposers
 - WG in place to consider formula vs FRC
 - Update from WG Chair Ata Sarajedini



Topics from September (3)

- DD Programs
 - Interim reports from each WG presented at December STUC meeting
 - Final reports are being submitted to the Director and will be summarized at this meeting
- Improved community communication, including in-person interactions
 - JWWebinars
 - AAS meeting – booth & Town Hall
 - JWST Office hours
 - See Stacey Bright's presentation