

Leading the Far-IR SIG Community



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- ◆ Community engagement

SIG charter



- ◆ Posted online at <http://cor.gsfc.nasa.gov/sigs/sig1.php>
- ◆ Sets context, then suggests “It is now time to revisit the 'Far-IR Community Plan,' and chart a path forward that addresses science questions of Decadal significance by optimally tapping international efforts and wisely exploiting constrained resources.”
- ◆ Commitment: “[The SIG] will work with the COPAG to collect community input and address long-term objectives of the far-infrared astronomy community.”
- ◆ **“SIG activities are expected to occur over an extended period of time, with results reported at periodic intervals (quarterly or semi-annually) to the COPAG Executive Committee and the Astrophysics Subcommittee.”**

Past and current leadership



- ◆ Since its inception in 2014, the SIG has been co-led by Drs. Paul Goldsmith (JPL) and David Leisawitz (NASA GSFC)
- ◆ A COPAG EC member serves as liaison to the SIG
 - Leisawitz served in this role until his term on the EC ended
 - Dr. Pamela Marcum (NASA ARC) presently serves in this role

Concept for future leadership



- ◆ A Leadership Council
 - Diverse in perspectives, interests, expertise
 - Strong early-career representation
 - ~8 members
 - Enough to achieve diversity, maintain momentum
 - Few enough for agility, decision-making
 - Rotating membership to keep conversation lively and give new people an opportunity to participate (KS: term limits ~2 years ?)
- ◆ Lead or Co-Leads rotate in from Leadership Council
 - Advantage of Co-Leads is to encourage communication and give more people a chance to lead the group
- ◆ Goldsmith and Leisawitz rotate out as Co-Leads, remain in Core Leadership group for continuity
- ◆ Monthly community telecons for 1 hr

Role of Leadership Council



- Main roles are:
 - List the key outstanding questions / burning issues from FIR community – organize a 3-, 6- and 9- month agenda with one or more themes in partnership with Program Office Chief Scientist and HQ PSs
 - Facilitate discussion of these via monthly meetings – recruit speakers and audience to monthly meetings.
 - Provide input to COPAG EC on a six month basis for FIR community perspective
 - Be ambassadors and liaisons to the larger community

Next Steps



- ◆ Figure out how to choose members for the Leadership Council, and how the Council is populated in the future – could be term limits (maybe 2 years), with Paul and Dave starting as Council members and rolling off first
- ◆ Council Co-Chairs could be chosen to serve for, say, a year, and then rotate out
- ◆ Decide that the Co-Chairs' role is to serve as liaison to COPAG EC, and to make sure that activity is sustained