

Instrument Centre for Danish Astrophysics (IDA)

Agenda

Date: 21.05.2025, 08:00 – 09:00 CEST

Venue: Annual Danish Astronomy Meeting (Comwell Kellers Park)

IDA Board Members

Present

- Jens Hjorth (JH), KU, appointed member
- Jakob Lysgaard Rørsted (JR), AU, appointed member
- Desiree D.M. Ferreira (DF), DTU, Chair of WG3, appointed member
- Hans Kjeldsen (HK), AU, Head of IDA, NOT Council Observer
- Mai Korsbæk (MK), AU, IDA Centre manager and Chair of WG7 and WG13
- Lise Christensen (LC), KU, ESO council delegate, Chair of WG1 And WG5
- Marianne Vestergaard (MV), KU, ESO STC
- Mia Sloth Lundkvist (ML), AU, Danish member of the NOT Council
- Kasper Elm Heintz (KH), KU, Chair of WG9, elected member (2024-2026)
- Anja Andersen (AA), KU, elected member (2025-2026)
- Johan Fynbo (JF), KU, elected member (2025-2027)
- Christa Gall (CG), KU, elected member (2025-2027)
- Miranda Andersen (MA), DTU, (student) elected member (2024-2026)
- Marcus Marcussen (MM), AU, (student), elected member (2024-2026)
- Buyanbileg Amarsanaa (BA), SDU (student), elected member (2025-2027)
- Chamilla Terp (CT), KU (student) elected member (2025-2027)

Observers

- Birgitta Nordström (BN), KU, Danish representative in EAS and A&A, Chair of WG11
- Jacob Clasen (JC), AU/NOT, Chair of WG12

Participating remotely

- Bitten Gullberg (BG), DTU, Danish member of NOT OPC

Excused

- Lars Buchhave (LB), DTU, appointed member
- Roman Gold (RG), SDU, appointed member
- Mads Toudal Frandsen (MF), SDU, appointed member
- Simon Albrecht (SA), AU, appointed member
- Thomas Greve (TG), DTU, member of ESO UC
- Heidi Korhonen (HKH), KU, Chair of the NOT Council, Chair of WG2

- Allan Hornstrup (AH), DTU, elected member (2024-2026)
- Steven Gillman (SG), DTU, elected member (2025-2027)
- Troels Haugbølle (TH), KU, Chair of WG10
- Jes Jørgensen (JJ), KU, Chair of WG6, appointed member

Chair of the meeting: HK

Minute writer: MK

Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The agenda is adopted.

The new members are welcomed, and everyone is introduced.

All members have agreed to have their names published on the IDA website

Approval of the previous minutes and review of open action items (i)

Item moved to the next ordinary meeting in October

Appointment of the executive committee

It is proposed by HK that the following individuals be appointed to the Executive Committee:

- Lise Christensen (KU, WG1, WG5)
- Marcus Marcussen (AU) (student)
- Desiree D.M. Ferreira (DTU, WG3)
- Jes Jørgensen (KU, WG6)
- Mia Sloth Lundkvist (AU, NOT Council)
- Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU)
- Lars Buchhave (DTU)
- Heidi Korhonen (KU, Heidelberg, Chair of NOT Council, WG2)
- Hans Kjeldsen og Mai Korsbæk (IDA management)

The IDA Board approves the new executive committee.

Future IDA Board and Executive Committee meetings

MK will send out a doodle to finalize the dates for future meetings in 2025/2026

IDA working group structure

All members are kindly encouraged to sign up for a Working Group (WG) of their choice.

WG9: A new chair is needed. Members of WG9 are asked to discuss and propose a candidate for this role. WG10 also requires a new chair. This group will focus on data structures, access, and facilities.

The names of all WG members will be published on the IDA website.

IDA activity plan and budget 2025-2027 (ii)

A new activity plan and budget was submitted at the end of January 2025, but we are still awaiting approval of the funding. Priority 1 has been funded and will serve as a guiding framework for the next three years. The activity plan can be adjusted annually, and a new budget must be prepared every year. The activity plan functions as a roadmap for upcoming activities. IDA budget is included in the national budget as one of several infrastructure centres, meaning we are competing with these centres for future funding. For more details, please refer to the [plan of action](#) from the Agency for higher education and research.

NOT funding from 2026 and beyond

A review was conducted at La Palma to assess future funding for the NOT in the beginning of May 2025.

NOT is jointly owned by Aarhus University (AU) and the University of Turku.

In coordination with HKH, the final report is being prepared for submission to the agency. This report must be approved by the IDA Board at an extraordinary meeting scheduled for June 2025. The final submission deadline is 1 July 2025, and the report must be approved at least one week prior to that date.

Additionally, the completed survey on the student program will be circulated to the IDA Board to provide further insight into the NOT's activities.

Framework for National Space Missions

The Agency for Higher Education and Research has launched a call inviting the Danish space sector to contribute to the development of a framework for future national space missions.

This initiative will involve representatives from Aarhus University (AU), the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), the University of Copenhagen (KU), the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Aalborg University (AAU), The IT University of Copenhagen, Danish Industry (DI), private companies, industry stakeholders, government partners, and other key institutions.

It is important to emphasize that this process is not about selecting specific missions. Rather, the goal is to establish a strategic framework that will guide the selection of future Danish space missions.

Further information about the project is available at www.space.au.dk

Any other business:

JH added that a future task would be to prioritize the strategic direction for Danish Astronomy ensuring that our efforts are more structured and cohesive.

There is a growing need to strengthen the reputation of Danish astronomy, which requires us to speak with a unified voice and move forward with shared direction and purpose.

To support this the IDA Board discussed including a dedicated session focusing on the following:

- Analyzing the long-term impact of our current activities
- Exploring how we can become more strategically aligned
- Discussing potential new facilities and how they fit within our existing priorities in IDA

One of the main challenges is the broad range of research interests across the community, often sitting at the interface between different fields. This diversity is a strength, but it also calls for better coordination.