

CTAC meeting report for semester 2023B

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1 Summary

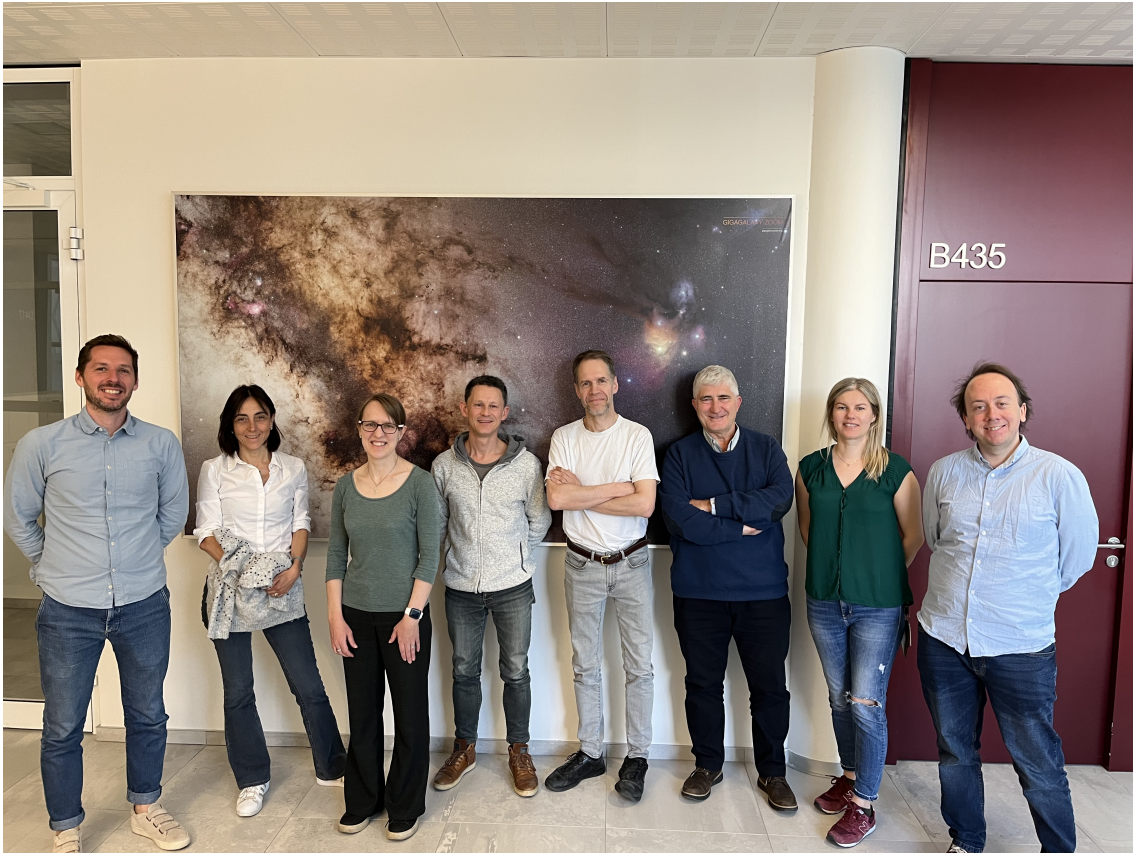


Figure 1: The CTAC at the National Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology in Vilnius, Lithuania, after the conclusion of the 2023B meeting. From left to right: Dan Dicken, Paola Severgnini, Edita Stonkute, Emeric Le Floc'h, Kari Nilsson, Ismael Pérez Fournon, Tom Wilson and another person.

The OPTICON-Radionet Pilot (ORP) 2023B common call for the optical trans-national access opened on 10 February 2023 and closed at 23:59 UT on 10 March 2023. Details of the call may be found at this link: <https://www.orp-h2020.eu/optical-call-2023b>. The meeting took place in-person at the National Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology in Vilnius, Lithuania, hosted by CTAC member Edita Stonkute. All seven members were present, as well as the Transnational Access lead, Dan Dicken.

For the first time, proposers could request long term status for their projects, if the science goals cover more than one semester. The request could be for up to three semesters (i.e. 2023B, 2024A and 2024B, the remaining semesters supported by the ORP contract) and would need to be ranked in the top tier of proposals for scientific and technical merit to be approved.

A total of 54 proposals were submitted, including six long-term proposals. Concerns were raised about the page length of some of the long-term proposals, but the panel agreed that there was ambiguity in the wording in the call with regards to whether one or two extra pages are allowed. This will be reviewed for the next call. In the end, all 54 submitted proposals were evaluated, discussed and ranked.

2 Statistics

Table 1: Total number of proposals, divided by science category, for each semester of the ORP contract so far

Science category	2021A	2021B	2022A	2022B	2023A	2023B	Total
CSM and star formation	5	3	2	3	2	3	18
Exoplanets	19	16	12	9	11	13	80
High-z Universe	2	4	4	4	7	4	25
ISM and PNe				2	1		3
Low-z Universe	3	2	2	3	4	4	18
Solar System	2	4	3	2	1	2	14
Stars and stellar populations	12	15	14	18	9	14	82
Time Domain Astronomy	17	13	15	10	15	14	84
Semester total	60	57	52	51	50	54	324

3 What to expect for 2024A

Kari announced that he will step down from the CTAC after this meeting. He will help us find a replacement and he already has someone in mind.

Detailed feedback to all proposers was prepared and is being distributed. The next call, for 2024A, will open by early August 2023.

Ismael has offered to host the next CTAC meeting in Tenerife.

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