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IAU Office of Astronomy for Education

Call for proposals to host the 2020 Shaw-IAU Workshop on Astronomy for Education

The IAU Office of Astronomy for Education is soliciting proposals for institutions interested in hosting the 2020 Shaw -IAU Workshop on Astronomy for Education.

The 2020 Shaw-IAU Workshop is a meeting, 3 to 5 days in duration, for 40-60 astronomers who are actively contributing to astronomy education, astronomy educators and teachers of astronomy, aimed at furthering the exchange of knowledge within the community and fostering the OAE mission to support the use of astronomy as a stimulus for STEM teaching and education, and the professionalization of astronomy education from elementary to high-school level, world-wide.

Each Shaw-IAU Workshop has a main topic in astronomy education that is determined by the Workshop's scientific organizing committee (SOC) in consultation with the OAE and the OAE steering committee. It also includes contributed presentations that highlight issues and activities pertinent to the region where the workshop is held. Workshop participants should be selected to include international experts and members of the regional astronomy education community, with attention paid to diversity (geographic, demographic, expertise). Given the annual nature of the workshop, "regional" should be interpreted widely, including a suitable selection of the host country's neighboring countries.

The scientific organizing committee (SOC) for each workshop will be appointed by the OAE, in consultation with the local organizers and with the OAE's steering committee.

Travel costs for up to ca. 40 participants of each Shaw-IAU Workshop is kindly provided by the Shaw Prize foundation, and international travel for the participants will be arranged by the OAE. Accommodation costs for the participants as well as the on-location costs of the workshop (venue, catering, local transportation during the workshop if necessary) will be provided by the host institution. The host institution is encouraged to raise funds with local sponsors for the purpose.

Institutions interested in hosting the Second Shaw-IAU Workshop on Astronomy for Education are invited to submit a hosting proposal. The proposal should include information about

- Your institution's past experience in hosting events similar in size and scope to the Shaw Prize-IAU Workshop
- The proposed Local Organizing Committee (LOC), with brief descriptions of their background and intended roles
- The proposed venue for the workshop, and information about its suitability for the workshop. The venue should:
 - provide wireless internet with guest access for the workshop attendees
 - be accessible for attendees with reduced mobility, including wheelchair-accessible restrooms
 - provide for at least two separate (office-like) rooms: one for use by OAE staff, the other as a silent workplace for attendees who need the opportunity to withdraw, intermittently, from the meeting.
- Information about the arrangements for participant accommodation
- Information about provisions for participants with special needs, in particular provisions for sign language translation and provisions for participants who are visually impaired.
- The proposed local budget for accommodation costs for the participants during the workshop as well as the on-location costs of the workshop (venue, catering, local

transportation during the workshop if necessary). Please indicate which part of the funds is already secured (will definitely be available) and which is still contingent upon funding decisions (e.g. asked for, but not yet agreed upon by a foundation or funding agency).

- The proposed date for the workshop or, if there is flexibility, possible dates

Your proposal should be sent to oea@astro4edu.org by

April 30, 2020

Host selection will be announced by May 31, 2020 – realistically, that means the proposed date for the workshop should be no earlier than November 2020.

Calls for the 2021 Shaw-IAU Workshop on Astronomy for Education will be published in June 2020 this year.

Thank you for considering to support astronomy education by hosting one of the Shaw–IAU Workshops! This is a community effort, and we are grateful for your support.

Any further questions should be addressed to the OAE team at oea@astro4edu.org

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