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1. Committee Membership.

Committee Role	Name	Affiliation	Country
Chair	Prof. Ioannis A. Daglis	National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)	Greece
Vice Chair	Dr. Anezina Solomonidou	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	Greece
Vice Chair	Dr. Veneta Guineva	Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Bulgaria
Vice Chair	Prof. Giuli Verbanac	University of Zagreb	Croatia
Vice Chair	Prof. Constantinos Constantinou	University of Cyprus	Cyprus
Vice Chair	Dr. Dan Alin Nedelcu	Romanian Academy	Romania
Vice Chair	Dr. Alexandra Nina	Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts	Serbia
Policy Officer	Dr. Eleni Chatzichristou	ERC Executive Agency	Belgium
Industry Officer	Dr. Ingmar Sandberg	SPARC	Greece
Early Career Officer	Dr. Christos Katsavrias	NKUA	Greece
Outreach Officer	Konstantina Moutsouroufi, MSc	NKUA	Greece
Diversity Officer	Marina Molla	9th Elementary School, Komotini	Greece
Amateur Astronomy Contact	Manos Kardasis, MSc	Hellenic Amateur Astronomy Association	Greece

2. Summary of Committee activities during the reporting period.

Outreach activities:

“The Moon: geology and space missions” seminar in the framework of a series of scientific seminars for adults entitled “Astronomy and related sciences”, organized by the Penteli Visitor Center of the National Observatory of Athens (8-29/11/2020).

“Knowing closely planet Mars”, public talk organized by the Astronomy and Astrophysics Society of Western Greece (8/2/2021).

“Geological remote sensing: detecting minerals and rocks on Earth and elsewhere...”, public talk organized by the Penteli Visitor Center of the National Observatory of Athens (10/4/2021).

Policy:

The 1st (virtual) Regional Hub Policy-Industry officers meeting took place on December 10, 2020 with the participation of 24 Europlanet policy and industry officers representing most regional hubs. The SEE Hub was represented by Eleni Chatzichristou - Hub Policy Officer

(Greece), Ingmar Sandberg – Hub Industry Officer (Greece), Vladan Celebonovic (Policy contact, Serbia), Dušan Marčeta (Policy contact, Serbia). The main issues discussed pertained to the importance of country-specific space strategies for building the policy strategy for Europlanet, the links of academia-industry, and contributing to a directory of expertise within each Hub.

Research _____ activity:

Studies of Earth's plasmopause, solar cycle prediction and reconstruction with different approaches, NO infrared emission during the period characterized with high speed solar wind streams.

Webinars:

Among other webinars related to space, SGAC (Space Generation Advisory Council) team in Croatia organized webinar with the title "Solar System and Beyond - Scientific Research in Space". The webinar was about space science including research of the Sun, solar wind, solar activity, planetary magnetic fields and space weather, and also gave an overview of evolution of distant galaxies.

3. Anticipated activities by the Committee over the next reporting period.

Policy:

The 2^d (virtual) Regional Hub Policy-Industry officers meeting is planned for May-June 2021. Furthermore, in line with the Europlanet policy-industry plans of establishing and maintaining a database of space sector companies and an inventory/network of industry-academia collaborations, we expect to launch a similar initiative within the SEE Hub in the coming months.

4. Any issues arising?

No outreach activities with physical presence were organized due to the ongoing pandemic. Although most of the hub's members continue to work intensively, a widely spread fatigue is observed that reflects in communication and thus the establishment of a regular bi-monthly meeting was missed to achieve.

5. Input or decisions from the Executive Board requested by the Committee (e.g. approvals, budgetary requests or guidance).



Ioannis A. Daglis
Committee Chair

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