

Athena Community Office (ACO) Arrangements

The Athena Community Office will be lead by Xavier Barcons, and implemented together with Francisco J. Carrera and M. Teresa Ceballos at the Instituto de Fisica de Cantabria (IFCA), a joint research Institute of the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) and the University of Cantabria (UC) in Santander (Spain). An additional dedicated effort of 1.5 FTE per year will be put in place soon. Financial support for the ACO activities is provided on an interim basis by IFCA's parent institutions CSIC and UC. It is expected that from mid-2017 onwards, funding will come through competitive rolling grant support by the nationally funded Space Research Programme in Spain.

Activities at IFCA are about to start and will be in full swing early 2016.

Activity 2 is currently taken care of by the University of Geneva (Enrico Bozzo). This arrangement will continue as part of the ACO activities. IFCA may actually set up the needed infrastructure to host the document repository in the future.

Activity 3 is currently taken care of by MPE (Arne Rau). This arrangement will continue as part of the ACO activities. IFCA is willing to provide support to MPE in managing the email lists which will stay at MPE.

Activity 8 is currently taken care of by IRAP. Arrangements will be made to transfer it to IFCA.

Activity 9 is currently taken care of by Didier Barret and Kirpal Nandra. Arrangements will be made to transfer it to IFCA.

Further distributed activities can be contemplated in the future, provided the arrangements are approved by the ASST.