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Subject: IAU Focus Meetings at the IAU General Assembly 2015

Dear Dr. Salama,

The IAU Executive Committee, during its 94th meeting, which took place in Canberra (Australia) this week, has approved the final list of IAU Symposia and Focus Meetings to take place in 2015 during the General Assembly in Honolulu.

We received 10 proposals for Symposia and 43 for Focus Meetings. The large majority of the proposals were of high quality, therefore the task of the Evaluation Committee was particularly difficult since only about half of the proposed FM could be fitted in the two weeks of the GA.

It is therefore a pleasure to inform you that your Proposal, entitled « Bridging Laboratory Astrophysics and Astronomy: From Provider to User », has been approved.

The Executive Committee, aiming at a balanced programme for the GA, spanning a wide range of scientific subjects, decided to limit to a maximum of two days the allocated time to each FM: please take this limit into account when you will start preparing the final programme of your Meeting.

I will be soon contacting you to verify the information about your FM that should be listed on the IAU web pages under «Future Meetings». Later I will send you the preliminary programme with the indication of the dates and time that have been allocated to your FM, as well as instructions and suggestions for its preparation. In particular I will present you the possible publication options that apply to the new format of the FM.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time for any information that you should consider useful.

I congratulate again for your success and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,



Piero Benvenuti

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