

# ACAT IAC meeting

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# Thank you

Thank you for your trust in selecting me to chair the ACAT IAC.

ACAT is a healthy and highly respected conference, and I look forward to helping steer it into the future.

I would especially like to thank David Britton and the previous PC chairs for building the strong foundation on which ACAT stands today. I will rely on all of you to ensure ACAT remains current, relevant, and exciting going forward.

# Today's Agenda

- Status of the proceedings from the previous ACAT conferences (Bari, Stony Brook, Hamburg)
  - News from Jennifer: “ Done with ACAT Stony Brook proceedings reviewing. For ACAT Hamburg: waiting on the LOC for announcement on proceeding submission”
  - News from Gregor: “After several attempts to get this moving at SciPost, I have given up. We now have a quote from "Journal of Physics: Conference Series" and I am checking with our admin how to move ahead (as the costs are non-trivial (but can be covered) and we might fall into the "3-offer" procurement regime ) “
- Updates on ACAT 2027
- IAC meetings and governance
- Ideas and open discussion on future directions

# IAC Meetings and Governance

## Meetings

- IAC meetings have typically been held at **16:00 CET**
- To better accommodate colleagues in **Japan (+8 hours)**, we propose adjusting the time
- **Proposed new time: Tuesdays at 15:00 CET**, as a balanced compromise across time zones
- **Meeting cadence:** unchanged — approximately every **6 weeks**, with increased frequency approaching conferences

## Governance structure

- **IAC:** strategic advisory role
- Continue with an **IAC Executive Committee (EC)** to handle practical operational matters, in particular close to conferences
  - LOC Chair, PC Chairs, outgoing IAC chair, one/two IAC members

# New Ideas for the conference programme

- **Maintain continuity while innovating:** preserve the high quality and breadth of plenary and parallel sessions while enhancing impact and inclusiveness. Continue outreach to related scientific domains
- Potential **new additions** to discuss
  - **Strengthen support for early-career researchers:** add lightning poster talks to increase visibility, engagement, and interaction with senior scientists
  - **Introduce mini-symposia:** focused 1.5-hour sessions on cutting-edge themes and driven by community interest with dedicated effort for coordination