



Education Interest Group Opening

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MoU between IVOA and OAD

- Both the OAD and IVOA have ongoing projects of astronomical education and public outreach and realize that astronomical data and technology have the potential to be applied in various fields to benefit society.
- Purpose of the collaboration
 - Both the OAD and IVOA are motivated to use astronomical data for education, development and public outreach. The purpose of this collaboration is to bring together the complementary resources and expertise of IVOA and of the OAD to advance the application of astronomical data and technology use in different areas of society.
- Initial pilot activities
 1. ***The development of a blended-learning Masters course in Astrophysics*** for universities based in [Southern Africa](#). This pilot initiative could later be expanded to other regions.
 2. ***Astronomy for development and education activities***, for example the [Shristi Astronomy Project](#) , run [virtually from India](#), which trains students on using archival astronomy data for discoveries.
 3. ***Data driven citizen science projects***, for example [Worldwide Telescope \(WWT\) guided tour contest](#).

WWT Guided Tour Contest



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1) IAU OAO Signs Memorandum of Understanding with IAPS

2) Sign the Trust Science Pledge with the International Day of Light

5) Call for Local Organisers for the First WorldWide Telescope Guided Tour Contest

The IAU Office of Astronomy for Development (IAU OAD) and their partners are looking for people or organisations interested in being regional volunteers for the first WorldWide Telescope (WWT) Guided Tour Contest. Volunteers collect tour submissions and select a certain number of excellent tours to submit to the international organising committee. The international contest is based on previous WWT contests in China and the US.

Apply here: <https://si3aja0mia0.typeform.com/to/dVo33ju7>

Thanks to Kevin Govender for sharing this news item with us.

From Kevin Govender <kg@astro4dev.org> ★

Subject **WorldWide Telescope Tours Contest**

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Dear colleagues

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find attached (and copied below) information about an upcoming call for proposals for the International WorldWide Telescope Guided Tour Contest. I'm copying our IVOA colleagues here in case you would like to complete the form at the link below. Please spread the word to relevant people in your region.

INTERNATIONAL WORLDWIDE TELESCOPE GUIDED TOUR CONTEST

EduIG Session

Schedule Summary						
Session	DateTime UTC	UTC-08:00	UTC-05:00	UTC+02:00	UTC+08:00	UTC+11:00
		<i>Victoria BC/Pasadena</i>	<i>Washington DC</i>	<i>Strasbourg</i>	<i>Perth/Beijing</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
EduIG	May 26 06:30	May 25 23:30	May 26 02:30	May 26 08:30	May 26 14:30	May 26 17:30

Speaker	Title	Time	Material
Chairs	Welcome and Introduction	5'	
Vanessa McBride	Collaboration between IAU OAD and IVOA	8'+2'	
Priya Hasan	Education, Virtual Observatory and Astronomical Data	8'+2'	
Shanshan Li	International Worldwide Telescope Guided Tour Contest	8'+2'	
André Schaaff	Accessibility to astronomical data and services for all	8'+2'	
	Open discussion	15'	

