

# EGU 2026 Solar-Terrestrial Sciences Division Meeting

Vienna Austria & Online

6 May 2026, 12:45–13:35, Room N2

Chair: Alexis Rouillard (ST Division President)

The 2026 EGU Division Meeting for Solar-Terrestrial Sciences was held on Wednesday 6 May 2026, 12:45–13:35. It was chaired by Alexis Rouillard (AR), the current President of the Solar-Terrestrial (ST) Sciences Division of EGU. The meeting was attended by researchers associated to ST, both in person and virtually. The slides presented and this report can be found at <http://www.egu.eu/st/reports/>.

AR opened the meeting and presented the agenda of the Business Meeting.

## 1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

AR presented the agenda of this year's Business Meeting. The minutes of last year's (2025) Division Meeting and the agenda of this year's meeting were approved.

## 2. Awards and Medals 2026

AR presented the names of the 2026 awardees/medalists and offered the congratulations of the Division. The awards of 2026 were given to:

- *Hannes Alfvén Medal*: Jana Šafránková and Zdeněk Němeček
- *Division Outstanding Early Career Scientist (Young Scientist) Award*: Samuel Badman

AR presented the process and deadline for the 2027 awards and encouraged the ST community to submit nominations. Nominations for next year's medalists should be submitted via <https://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/nominations/> by 15 June 2026. For details see also <https://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/proposal-and-selection-of-candidates/>.

**New:** an EGU fellowship programme (similar to AGU) was announced. The call will open in summer 2026.

## 3. Medal Committees

The Julius Bartels Medal Committee for 2027 was proposed and approved. The committee is:

- Richard Horne (CHAIR)
- Nicole Vilmer
- Erika Palmerio
- Jana Šafránková
- Quigong Zong

The Division paused to remember Dr. Volker Bothmer; thoughts and memories of his contributions to the community, including his service as acting Chair of the Julius Bartels Medal Committee, were shared.

#### **4. Outstanding Student Poster and PICO (OSPP) Award 2025**

AR gave an overview of the OSPP Award, presented the rules and statistics, announced the winners for the 2025 OSPP award and handed over the award documents:

- Qianyi Ma (Peking University)
- Carlos Castillo-Rivera (University of Santiago of Chile)

AR reminded the community of the importance of acting as OSPP judges and thanked Veera Juntunen for acting as OSPP representative for many years.

#### **5. ST Division Organisation and Officers**

##### **ST Structure and Principles**

AR presented the ST presidents. Alexis Rouillard is the ST Division President (2025–2029) and Emilia Kilpua is the Deputy President (2025–2026).

Additionally, the following Division Officer was appointed at the DM:

- *Programme Group Chair (Division President)*: Alexis Rouillard (until 2029)

The following ST Scientific Officers were approved during the ST Division meeting by the meeting participants:

##### **ST Scientific Officers 2026**

- *ST1 – The Sun and Heliosphere, Solar Physics*: Manuela Temmer
- *ST1 – The Sun and Heliosphere, Heliosphere*: Olga Malandraki
- *ST2 – Magnetosphere*: Yulia Bogdanova
- *ST3 – Ionosphere and Thermosphere*: Dalia Buresova
- *ST4 – Space Weather*: Guram Kervalishvili, Emilia Kilpua

The following ST Liaison Officers were presented and approved:

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- *Publications*: Liliana Macotela
- *OSPP Coordinator*: Veera Juntunen
- *Early Career Scientist (ECS) Representative*: Andreas Wagner
- *News, Media, Education and Public Outreach, Webmaster*: Liliana Macotela
- *Scientific Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Division Liaison*: Alexis Rouillard

AR thanked all officers for their active involvement in shaping the EGU programme.

#### **6. ST Early Career Scientist (ECS) Activities**

Andreas Wagner (AW) presented the ECS activities. Online Campfire events are organised twice a year (an Autumn and a Spring Campfire) and the corresponding statistics and feedback survey were presented. ECS Representatives meetings and EGU ECS Task Forces (Equity, Wellbeing & Academic Life; Communication & Outreach; General Assembly & Activities) run throughout the year. During the 2026 General Assembly the ST ECS activities included the

Joint ECS Icebreaker (Sunday 3 May), the ST ECS Picnic (Tuesday 5 May) and the ECS Dinner (Wednesday 6 May), the latter with about 40 participants (compared to approximately 35 last year).

The following ST ECS team for 2026–2027 was approved by the meeting participants:

- Andreas Wagner (ST ECS Rep), University of Helsinki, Finland
- Geetashree Kakoti (ST ECS Co-Rep), University of Nagoya, Japan
- Nadja Reisinger, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Mrityika Ghosh, Charles University, Czechia
- Shreedevi P. R., University of Nagoya (ISEE), Japan
- Ezgi Gülay, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Juliana Jaen, University of Bath, UK
- Sushree Sangeeta Nayak, University of the Balearic Islands, Spain

## **7. ST Education and Public Outreach**

Liliana Macotela presented the Education and Public Outreach update, covering blog posts and news from the past year. The Best Division Blog Post was the interview with Richard Horne, the 2025 Julius Bartels medallist (4th in the public vote, 3rd in the panel vote). The corresponding statistics were presented, together with the Division’s Facebook and LinkedIn accounts, and the plan for 2026 (a publication target of 1.5 blog posts/month, the recruitment of new blog editors, and the election of the Editor-in-Chief for the period 2027–2029).

The following Education and Public Outreach team (2025–2027) was presented and approved by the meeting participants:

- Liliana Macotela (Editor-in-Chief), Norwegian Research Centre, Norway
- Guram Kervalishvili, GFZ, Germany
- Mrityika Ghosh, Charles University, Czechia
- Ezgi Gülay, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Shreedevi P. R., University of Nagoya (ISEE), Japan

## **8. ANGIO Update**

The ANGIO update was presented, covering the journal’s topics and the manuscript types accepted. AR encouraged the community to submit their papers to *Annales Geophysicae*.

## **9. 2026 GA/ST Scientific Programme**

The overall statistics of the 2026 EGU meeting were presented. Feedback on room organisation was requested from the community, and the following points were raised:

- Splinter meetings should be included in the programme.
- The poster session is too short and is sometimes scheduled in parallel with ST oral sessions; in some cases only half a session is available.
- Posters should not be thrown away — this is a waste of resources/energy.

- Session ST2.9 was assigned too small a room (even smaller than last year).
- Finding ECS events is hard: ST division events, including ECS events, should be offered in the EGU app. This visibility problem has been raised for many years.
- The ECS voice is not heard well within the Union; co-organised events and their visibility remain an issue.

The statistics provided by EGU were presented.

A happy birthday was wished to Guram Kervalishvili.

AR asked if there were any other issues to be discussed and then closed the Business Meeting at 13:35.

### **Room and audio-visual survey (post-general assembly)**

A survey of conveners was carried out to document room capacity and audio-visual issues across the ST sessions after the EGU General Assembly. Of the 19 ST sessions, 16 responded (an 84% response rate). The main results were:

- **Room size:** half of the responding ST sessions (8 of 16, 50%) were undersized this year, with attendees standing or unable to enter; a further two sessions (12.5%) were adequate but anticipated needing a larger room in future, so 62.5% raised a capacity concern. The remaining six sessions (37.5%) reported adequate rooms.
- **By programme group:** the problem was most acute for ST4 (Space Weather), where all three responding sessions (100%) — all assigned to Room 0.94/95 — were short by an estimated 20–30 seats each. ST2 (Magnetosphere) had 3 of 5 sessions undersized (60%) and ST1 (Sun & Heliosphere) 2 of 6 (33%). ST3 (Ionosphere and Thermosphere) reported no capacity problem (0%).
- **Capacity shortfall:** across the undersized sessions the reported shortfall amounted to roughly 80 seats (e.g. ST1.8: 15–20; ST2.3: 5–10 standing; ST2.4: 10–15 standing; ST4.1/ST4.2: 20–30 each), in addition to ST2.9, where many attendees could not enter the room at all.
- **Sound quality:** not an issue — all 11 sessions that commented rated it good (a single isolated incident of a speaker’s video failing to play).
- **Microphones:** a recurring complaint — 7 of the 9 sessions that commented (78%) raised an issue, the dominant request being wireless microphones for audience questions, particularly in the packed rooms where attendees must climb past others to reach a fixed microphone.