# advancing geodesy

unified analysis workshop

> October 21-23, 2022 Thessaloniki Greece

### Logistics

### Venue

Electra Palace Aristotelous 9, Thessaloniki, Greece

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Participating in-person: 150 €(or 90 €for simultaneous registration for REGAG2022)

Participating virtual only: 100 €

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### Lunch

On your own.

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# **Schedule Summary**

	Friday October 21	Saturday October 22	Sunday October 23
08:30 - 09:00	Opening / DORIS	Gravity for POD	Site Survey
09:00 - 09:30	DORIS	Gravity for POD	Site Survey
09:30 - 10:00	DORIS/ Break	Gravity for POD	Site Survey
10:00 - 10:30	Break/ DORIS	Break	Break
10:30 - 11:00	DORIS	Gravity for POD	<b>Physical Geodesy</b>
11:00 - 11:30	GNSS	Reference Frames	Physical Geodesy
11:30 - 12:00	GNSS	Reference Frames	Physical Geodesy
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30 - 14:00	GNSS	Reference Frames	Physical Geodesy
14:00 - 14:30	GNSS	<b>Reference Frames</b>	GGOS
14:30 - 15:00	VLBI	Standard	GGOS
15:00 - 15:30	VLBI	Standard	GGOS
15:30 - 16:00	Break	Break	Break
16:00 - 16:30	VLBI	Standard	Summary
16:30 - 17:00	VLBI	Standard	Summary
17:00 - 17:30	SLR	Infrastructure	Summary
17:30 - 18:00	SLR	Infrastructure	Summary
18:00 - 18:30	SLR	Infrastructure	Summary Closing / Adjourn
18:30 - 19:00	SLR / Adjourn	Infrastructure / Adjourn	

### **Opening Session**

### Overview

Unified Analysis Workshops are co-organized by the International Association of Geodesy's (IAG's) Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) and International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS). This is the 6th in a series of workshops that are held every two to three years for the purpose of discussing issues that are common to all the space-geodetic measurement techniques. Attendance at the Workshops are by invitation only with each IAG Service nominating 5-6 experts to attend and participate in the discussion. ITRF2020 was released in 2021 year and the focus of this year's Workshop is ITRF2020. The Workshop is held in conjunction with the Commission 1 Symposium, REFAG2022 which also focuses on Reference Frames. At this year's Workshop the discussion is focused on:

- Systematic Errors and Biases in DORIS Observations
- Systematic Errors and Biases in GNSS Observations
- Systematic Errors and Biases in VLBI Observations
- Systematic Errors and Biases in SLR Observations
- Gravity Models for POD
- Reference Systems and Frames
- Standards, Conventions, and Formats
- Global Space Geodesy Infrastructure
- Site Survey and Co-location
- Reference Systems and Frames in Physical Geodesy
- GGOS (DOIs for Geodetic Data Sets & UN Global Geodetic Reference Frame)

### Chairs

Basara Miyahara (GSI, Japan) Robert Heinkelmann (GFZ, Germany) Zuheir Altamimi (IPGP-IGN, France)

### **Presentations** Friday October 21

08:00 - 08:30	Registration
08:30 - 08:35	Welcome
	IAG Commission 1
	Christopher Kotsakis

08:35 - 08:45

Introduction to UAW2022

Basara Miyahara, Robert Heinkelmann, and Zuheir Altamimi

### **Systematic Errors and Biases in DORIS**

### Overview

The goal of the session is to present the experience gained during the DORIS ITRF 2020 reprocessing and the evaluation of the preliminary version of new ITRF (ITRF2020). Unlike SLR, where precise geodetic solutions are based on spherical satellites observations, DORIS analysts must deal with the specific shape and orientation of each satellite of the system, with risk of introducing satellite-specific bias. New developments in the DORIS system and their impact on the quality of DORIS products will also be presented. The impact of the South Atlantic anomaly and its mitigation strategy is discussed as an important source of systematic errors in DORIS.

### **Chairs**

Petr Štěpánek (GOP, Czech Republic)

08:45 - 09:00	DORIS system evolution Guilhem Moreaux
09:00 - 09:15	South Atlantic Anomaly mitigation strategies Petr Štěpánek
09:15 - 09:30	Lessons learned from the ITRF2020 reprocessing Guilhem Moreaux
09:30 - 09:45	DORIS evaluation of the ITRF2020P Frank G. Lemoine (in virtual)
09:45 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	Discussion

### **Systematic Errors and Biases in GNSS**

### Overview

A key focus of this session is the contribution of the International GNSS Service (IGS) to the latest version of the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF2020). For the first time, IGS included Galileo observations in addition to GPS and GLONASS observations in the processing of its contribution to the ITRF2020, known as Repro3. The calibrated antenna measurements of the Galileo allowed for the first time for the terrestrial scale of the GNSS solutions to be independent of the ITRF. Scale [rate] differences were observed between GNSS solutions and the other geodetic techniques, which will be discussed in this session. Systematic errors identified in the IGS Repro3 will be explored, such as those impacting the orbit modelling of the GNSS satellites. Other impacts from inclusion of Galileo in the GNSS solutions such as those on the estimated coordinates will also be discussed. ITRF2020 included for the first time seasonal signals; the potential impact of the seasonal signals on the GNSS solutions will be explored.

### **Chairs**

Salim Masoumi (Geoscience Australia, Australia) Rolf Dach (AIUB, Switzerland)

11:00 – 11:15	Systematic errors in the IGS contribution to ITRF2020 Paul Rebischung
11:15 – 11:30	Transition from the IGS14 to IGS20 antenna model file Arturo Villiger
11:30 – 11:45	Orbit modelling issues identified from Repro3 Rolf Dach
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 13:45	Differences between Galileo and GPS coordinate estimates from separate and combined solutions Thomas Herring
13:45 – 14:00	Phase center offsets and terrestrial scale from Galileo and LEOs Benjamin Männel
14:00 – 14:15	ITRF2020 seasonal signals Paul Ries (in virtual)
14:15 – 14:30	Discussion and Wrap-up

# **Systematic Errors and Biases in VLBI**

### Overview

### Chairs

John Gipson (NASA/GSFC, USA)

14:30 – 14:45	Antenna Deformation Rüdiger Haas
14:45 – 15:00	Source Structure Effects Minghui Xu
15:00 – 15:15	Atmosphere modeling Benedikt Soja
15:15 – 15:30	Transition to VGOS Hendrik Helmers
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:15	Thoughts on collocated site design Guangli Wang (in virtual)
16:15 – 16:30	VLBI Scale and ITRF2020 John Gipson
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion

### **Systematic Errors and Biases in SLR**

### Overview

The goal of this session is twofold: (a) to inform the ITRF2020 users about the proper implementation for SLR data analysis consistent with the new ILRS models used for its development, and (b) to examine areas where additional systematics might originate from in the future and identify ways to mitigate their influence on our results and products.

### Chairs

Cinzia Luceri (e-Geos/ASI, Italy) Erricos Pavlis (JCET/UMBC, USA)

17:00 – 17:15	Systematic Errors in SLR Data Modeled in ITRF2020 Cinzia Luceri
17:15 – 17:30	Systematic Error Rationalization for NASA SLR Systems Van Husson
17:30 – 17:45	The nature of low-return SLR normal points John Ries
17:45 – 18:00	Tropospheric delay modeling based on NWMs for SLR solutions Krzysztof Sośnica
18:00 - 19:00	Discussion

### **Gravity Models for POD**

### Overview

The goal of the session is to examine the available state-of-the-art sources of information/models for the description of static and time-varying gravitational forces in the process of Precision Orbit Determination (POD). The emphasis is on information/models available for analysis of recent/current data which implies a need for "forecasting" into the near future on the basis of past years' observations. The main focus will be on the very low degree components of the gravitational field due to their stronger influence on all orbits. Investigations on the definition of the origin of the ITRF and its "variations" due to geophysical phenomena as well as possible GM estimates from a multitude of SLR targets will be also presented and discussed.

### Chairs

Erricos C. Pavlis (GESTAR II/UMBC, USA) John Ries (CSR/UT at Austin, USA)

08:30 - 08:45	COST-G combined gravity field models for POD Ulrich Meyer
08:45 - 09:00	Low Degree SH from SLR and GRACE/GRACE-FO Mission Models
09:00 - 09:15	Erricos C. Pavlis Investigation of GM Estimation from Various SLR Targets
09:15 – 09:30	John Ries Geocenter Motion Implementation with ITRF2020
	John Ries
09:30 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion

### **Reference Systems and Frames**

### Overview

The terrestrial reference frame (TRF) is the foundation for virtually all space-based, airborne and ground-based Earth observations. Through its tie to the celestial reference frame (CRF) by time dependent Earth orientation parameters, it is also fundamentally important for interplanetary spacecraft tracking and navigation. The TRF determined by geodetic measurements is the indispensable foundation for all geo-referenced data used by science and society. It plays a key role in modeling and estimating the motion of the Earth in space, in measuring change and deformation of all components of the Earth system, and in providing the ability to connect measurements made at the same place at different times, a critical requirement for understanding global, regional and local change. Providing an accurate, stable, homogeneous, and maintainable terrestrial reference frame to support numerous scientific and societal applications is one of the essential goals of the International Association of Geodesy's (IAG's) Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS). This session is a forum for discussing the ways and means of improving the TRF, including understanding the inconsistencies of the current TRFs and the possibility of jointly determining them with the CRF.

### Chairs

Zuheir Altamimi (IPGP-IGN, France) Richard Gross (NASA/JPL, USA) Manuela Seitz (DGFI-TUM, Germany)

11:00 – 11:20	DTRF2020: first results Manuela Seitz ((in virtual)
11:20 – 11:40	JTRF2020: Status and Plans Richard Gross
11:40 – 12:00	ITRF2020 and Beyond Zuheir Altamimi
11:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Discussion

### Standards, Conventions, and Formats

### Overview

A key focus of this session is on the revision/updating of the IERS Conventions. The venue will provide an excellent opportunity to present and discuss any significant changes that might be incorporated in the next issue of the IERS Conventions. At first, an overview about the status of the IERS Conventions Update will be given, followed by presentations on particular topics such as nutation issues, high-frequency EOPs, relativistic effects, etc. Furthermore, the GGOS Bureau of Products and Standards (BPS) will provide an overview about its activities on standards. In the second part, there will be the opportunity to discuss remaining issues concerning the IERS Conventions Update as well as general topics on standards, conventions, and formats. The expected outcome are recommendations on standards, in particular regarding the next issue of the IERS Conventions.

### Chairs

Detlef Angermann (DGFI-TUM, Germany) Nick Stamatakos (USNO, USA

14:30 – 14:45	Status of the IERS Conventions Update Nick Stamatakos
14:45 – 15:00	Update on Nutation Issues Jose Ferrandiz
15:00 – 15:15	Update on High-Frequency EOPs John Gipson
15:15 – 15:30	BPS Activities on Standards Detlef Angermann et al.
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:15	Short presentations in context of IERS conventions update - Relativistic issues Sergei Klioner (in virtual) - tbd
16:15 – 17:00	Discussion

# **Global Space Geodesy Infrastructure**

### Overview

The Infrastructure Session gives the measurement techniques an opportunity to bring us up to date on their progress and plans, and for the PLATO group to present advances in product combination and new approaches to dealing with the data.

### **Chairs**

Michael Pearlman (CfA, USA) Daniela Thaller (BKG, Germany)

17:00 – 17:15	Status and plans of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS) Rüdiger Haas, Dirk Behrend
17:15 – 17:30	90th Anniversary of the Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level - current developments and future plans Elizabeth Bradshaw (in virtual)
17:30 – 17:45	The International Laser Ranging Service: status and plans Michael Pearlman, Claudia Carabajal, Erricos Pavlis (in virtual)
17:45 – 18:00	The IGS Infrastructure - Addressing the shifting user needs Markus Bradke
18:00 – 18:15	New Absolute Gravity Infrastructure Hartmut Wziontek
18:15 – 18:30	The DORIS Network: its advantages for geodesy Guilhem Moreaux, Jerome Saunier
18:30 – 18:45	Recent Activities of the GGOS Standing Committee on Performance Simulations and Architectural Trade-Offs (PLATO) Benjamin Männel, Daniela Thaller
18:45 – 19:00	Discussion

### Site Survey and Co-location

### Overview

This session will focus on activities of various members of the working group including progress on tie surveys, developments in technology, and updates on previously defined objectives. Both operational and research achievements will be highlighted and discussion on future goals will be welcomed.

### Chairs

Ryan Hippenstiel (NGS, USA) Sten Bergstrand (RISE, Sweden) Xavier Collilieux (IPGP-IGN, France)

08:30 – 08:35	Session Introduction Ryan Hippenstiel
08:35 – 08:55	Creating connections for geodesy – Local Tie surveys in Australia Anna Riddell (in virtual)
08:55 – 09:15	Reference point determination using photogrammetry Michael Lösler, Cornelia Eschelbach
09:15 - 09:35	Refocus on the field - An Update on the Site Survey Working Group Ryan Hippenstiel
09:35 - 10:00	Discussion

### **Reference Systems and Frames in Physical Geodesy**

### Overview

In 2015, the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) released two resolutions for the implementation of two main components of a modern physical reference system. The first resolution is devoted to the definition and realisation of a global unified height system. The realisation of the global height system, conventionally called the International Height Reference Frame (IHRF), is based on the determination of the gravity potential (and its variations with time) at station positions defined in the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF). The second resolution concentrates on the establishment of the International Terrestrial Gravity Reference Frame (ITGRF). Measurements with absolute gravimeters, the traceability of which is ensured by inter-comparisons and monitoring at reference stations, provide the basis of the frame. The status of implementation of both frames will be discussed and revised in this session. Furthermore, for the precise gravity potential determination, a high-resolution gravity field modelling is needed. From this perspective, this session presents also advances in the calculation of the high-resolution global gravity model EGM2020 (Earth Gravitational Model 2020) and the comparison/calibration of analysis approaches for the computation of the potential using gravity data of high-resolution. The session will close with some insights into novel technologies for the measurement of the gravity field.

### Chairs

Laura Sánchez (DGFI-TUM, Germany) Riccardo Barzaghi (Polimi, Italy)

10:30 – 10:35	Introduction Laura Sánchez
10:35 – 10:53	Advances in the definition and realisation of a modern gravity reference system Hartmut Wziontek
10:53 – 11:11	Recent achievements in the computation of EGM2020 Daniel E. Barnes, Howard Small
11:11 – 11:29	High-resolution gravity field modelling: calibration of computation methods (The Colorado Experiment) Riccardo Barzaghi
11:29 – 11:48	Applications of Terrestrial Clock Networks in Geodesy Jürgen Müller, Asha Vincent, Hu Wu and Akbar Shabanloui (in virtual)
11:48 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Discussion

# GGOS (DOIs for Geodetic Data Sets & UN Global Geodetic Reference Frame)

### Overview

This session will explore two topics identified by the GGOS Executive Committee as important issues relevant to the analysis community: recent progress toward Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for geodetic data sets, as well as work of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Subcommittee on Geodesy on advocacy of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, and progress toward establishing a UN Global Geodetic Center of Excellence (GGCE) in Bonn, Germany. The session will focus on introducing the participants to the current status of each topic, with extended time for discussion and feedback. Discussion will be facilitated by the session co-chairs. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their own experiences implementing DOIs, as well as to identify what aspects of geodetic analysis should be considered of highest priority to the UN GGIM and future GGCE.

### **Chairs**

Kirsten Elger (GFZ, Germany) Johannes Bouman (BKG, Germany) Allison Craddock (NASA/JPL, USA)

14:00 – 14:05	Session welcome and overview Allison Craddock
14:05 – 14:20	Recent progress toward DOIs for geodetic data sets and key issues Kirsten Elger
14:20 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Update on the UN GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy, and progress toward establishing a UN Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence Johannes Bouman
15:00 – 15:25	Discussion
15:25 – 15:30	Session summary and action items Allison Craddock, Kirsten Elger, Johannes Bouman

# **Closing Session**

### Chairs

Basara Miyahara (GSI, Japan) Robert Heinkelmann (GFZ, Germany)

16:00 – 18:00	Summary and Discussion of Recommendations
16:00 – 16:10	Systematic Errors and Biases in DORIS Petr Štěpánek
16:10 – 16:20	Systematic Errors and Biases in GNSS Salim Masoumi and Rolf Dach
16:20 – 16:30	Systematic Errors and Biases in VLBI John Gipson
16:30 – 16:40	Systematic Errors and Biases in SLR Cinzia Luceri and Erricos Pavlis
16:40 – 16:50	Gravity Models for POD Erricos Pavlis and John Ries
16:50 – 17:00	Global Space Geodesy Infrastructure Michael Pearlman and Daniela Thaller
17:00 – 17:10	Standards, Conventions, and Formats Detlef Angermann and Nick Stamatakos
17:10 – 17:20	GGOS (DOIs & UN GGRF) Kirsten Elger, Johannes Bouman and Allison Craddock
17:20 – 17:30	Reference Systems and Frames in Physical Geodesy Laura Sánchez and Riccardo Barzaghi
17:30 – 17:40	Reference Systems and Frames Zuheir Altamimi, Richard Gross, and Manuela Seitz
17:40 – 17:50	Site Survey and Co-location Ryan Hippenstiel, Sten Bergstrand and Xavier Collilieux
17:50 – 18:10	Discussion
18:10 – 18:20	Any Other Business
18:20 – 18:30	Next Meeting
18:30	Adjourn

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