



Fifth circular of 1st GeCAA 2020

Dear members of IOAA, colleagues, friends

This is the fifth circular of the 1st GeCAA (Global e-Competition in Astronomy & Astrophysics), the online auxiliary competition which was proposed by the IOAA to provide students to compete in 2020 on an international stage.

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Important dates

25.09 - start of individual competition

27.09 - end of individual competition

28.09 ZOOM lecture by astronaut Catherine Coleman (starts 13:00 UTC)

28.09 - start of team competition

03.10 - ZOOM lecture by Erin Kara (starts 13:00 UTC)

14.10 - end of team competition

23.10 - results, end of competition podcast

Changes for the competition

Due to extensive workload we moved the refereeing guideline ZOOM session to Sunday 12 UTC

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495538215?pwd=ZzVpOUhQcVJHU3V4bnFhVWVl1Wkxsz09>

Password: 743928

After every competition session students have 20 minutes to upload their solution photos. The question fields remain also open but we use system logs to disqualify any student who changes / adds any answer. DURING THE EXTRA 20 MINUTES ONLY ADDING SCANNED FILES IS ALLOWED.

For countries where students are all in one place and they fail to upload solutions in due time, we will allow team leaders to send solution scans to email gecaa.help@gmail.com. In that case all files must be zipped in folder with name COUNTRY_ROUND_STUDENTSURNAME (e.g. EST_Theory_Sepp) and every image file in the zip must have format QUESTION_NR_STUDENTNAME.png (e.g. 5_SEPP.png). The email must be received within 1 hour after the competition.

Starting times

Final starting times:

Countries	UTC 8	UTC 11	UTC12	UTC 14	UTC 15	Likely mode of participation in individual competition
Armenia	Start					ZOOM

Azerbaijan		Start				ZOOM
Bangladesh	Start					ZOOM
Brazil					Start	ZOOM
Bulgaria		Start				ZOOM
Canada					Start	ZOOM
China		Start				ZOOM
Columbia					Start	ZOOM
Croatia		Start				Local
Cypros				Start		Local
Czech Republic	Start					ZOOM
Estonia				Start		ZOOM
Georgia		Start				Local
Germany				Start		ZOOM
Greece				Start		ZOOM
Hungary		Start				Local
Indonesia			Start			ZOOM
Iran		Start				Local
Kazakhstan					Start	ZOOM
Lithuania			Start			ZOOM
Malaysia			Start			ZOOM
Mexico					Start	ZOOM
Nepal	Start					ZOOM
Norway				Start		ZOOM
Pakistan				Start		Local
Peru					Start	ZOOM
Philippines	Start					ZOOM
Poland			Start			Local
Republic of Korea		Start				Local
Romania	Start					ZOOM
Russia		Start				Local
Serbia		Start				ZOOM
Singapore	Start					ZOOM
Slovakia			Start			Local

Slovenija			Start			Local
Ukraine	Start					ZOOM
United Kingdom			Start			ZOOM
United States					Start	ZOOM
Vietnam	Start					Local

Color codes designate session proctors. Some sessions are still to be divided up on some days.

In case changes are needed please contact tiiitsepp34@gmail.com no later than 22.09.2020

Solving from home

Additional notes, for students on ZOOM

- You are allowed to use your phone to photograph your solutions
- You **must enter your real name for ZOOM session**
- **Passwords will be sent individually**
- Session proctors will only answer on questions like if you are seen or heard. They will not answer to any other questions

National referees can ask to review any session recording during the grading phase. All videos will be removed permanently no later than the date of closing ceremony.

Translations

During the competition you can change to any translated language by clicking on the language name or flag symbol on upper right corner.

During the GeCAA following translations are made available:

- Polish
- Spanish (latin american)
- Korean
- Azerbaijani
- Ukrainian
- Bulgarian
- Indonesian
- Croatian

- Russia
- German
- Serbian
- Estonian
- Chinese
- Farsi
- Czech
- Portugese

Grading the rounds

We'll open grading on monday 28.09.2020 - please generate your user to competition.gecaa.ee

There will be additional grading Q&A sessions on 29.09 at 15:00 UTC to answer all upcoming questions.