Welcome to the XXII meeting of the GTC User Committee

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COVID-19

- Operation suspended from March 16 to April 22. Resumed with Support Astronomer from the remote control-room at sea-level base.
- Strict safety measures implemented \(\rightarrow\) restricted access to GRANTECAN bases
- 2-3 months delay of developments that mainly depend on GRANTECAN and Spanish providers (e.g. Cassegrain focus)
- Longer and unpredictable delays in developments involving international consortia where COVID-19 impact is hitting with different strength and times (e.g. MIRADAS, FRIDA, ...)

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### Relevant news

- **Major integration works at GTC during 2020 and 2021** may affect the amount of science time (Cassegrain focus, maintenance platform, MIRADAS, …), but it is an important step to enlarge GTC capabilities.

- **Recommendations by Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC):** reinstall HiPERCAM as soon as possible, develop AO, better balance of ToO allocations (GW vs other), allocating time for legacy projects, make GTC a major player in time-domain astronomy.

- **Financial situation (TBD),** communication with funding agencies further slowed down by changes of government and COVID-19.
Most comments and recommendations have been (will be) taken into account. Some specific comments (other are addressed by Antonio in his presentation):

(2) FRIDA: a development plan for the software needed for data acquisition and reduction. Not yet available yet given that little progress since last meeting.

(4) Reopening of process for the definition of future GTC instrumentation (includes a community meeting and the formation of an external advisory committee). Still frozen.

(7) Automatically reduced data in public archive. Action on GUC to conduct a pool.

(9) Awaiting GUC recommendation about MAAT for the meeting of the GTC Steering Committee on next Thursday Jul 23.

(10) ToO conflicts issue. Raised to Steering Committee, waiting for a report from CAT.

(11) No new specific actions to increase use of bright time.
A proposal to reduce the carbon footprint of GUC meetings

Today we are saving 5 tons of CO2 tons in air travel

Proposal to decrease GUC footprint (from 2022?):

1. Winter meeting by videoconference
2. Summer meeting in La Palma + ORM
Thank you very much for your contribution
I wish you to have a fruitful meeting