

# Update on the Outstanding Achievement Award Process

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for the AOAA preparatory group  
CBCAG meeting - February 14, 2024

# Context

Reminder of the timeline

Some statistics from our nominations

Current status/next steps

CBCAG preparatory group:

Sarah Demers (Yale) Co-Chair

Ricardo Gonçalo (LIP) Co-Chair

Attilio Andreazza (Milano)

Henri Bachacou (Saclay CEA)

Andrei Kazarov (Johannesburg)

Borut Kersevan (Ljubljana)

# Schedule

- 11 December: Call for nominations
- 12 February: Deadline for nominations (9 weeks for nominations)
- 14 February: Send all nominations to reviewers ← You are here
- 11 March: Replies from all reviewers with ratings and comments  
(more than 3 weeks for the reviewers to review)
- 22 March: First preparatory group meeting (short-list)
- 5 April: Second preparatory group meeting (final)
- 11 April: CBCAG meeting – report – approval
- 15 April: Presentation to and approval by ATLAS management
- 19 April: Notification of the winners, order of plaques
- 20 June: Award ceremony at ATLAS week: 20 June → 2 months to prepare plaques



# Some numbers

We received **116** nominations  
from **79** members of the collaboration

Categories	Nominations	Individual	Groups
Technical Coordination	3	2	1
ITk	23	12	11
HGTD	0	0	0
Inner Detector	3	2	1
Liquid Argon	3	1	2
TileCal	0	0	0
Muon Spectrometer	17	7	10
Forward Detectors	4	1	3
TDAQ	14	11	3
Combined Performance	11	7	4
Run Coordination	3	3	?
Computing and Software	11	8	4
Trigger	11	4	7
Data Preparation	5	4	1
Outreach	7	7	0

# Team of Reviewers

Technical Coordination: Ludovico Pontecorvo

+ Institute Board Chairs

ITk: Arnulf Quadt  
HGTD: Frank Filthaut  
Inner Detector: Serkant Cetin  
Liquid Argon: Pavol Strizenec  
TileCal: David Calvet  
Muon Spectrometer: Gregor Herten  
Forward Detectors: Marek Tasevsky  
TDAQ: Imma Riu



+ Former Activity Coordinators:

Physics Coordination (for the Combined Performance nominations): Pamela Ferrari and Guillaume Unal

Run Coordination: Joerg Stelzer

Computing and Software Coordination: Alessandro di Girolamo

Trigger Coordination: Tim Martin

Data Preparation Coordination: James Ferrando

Outreach: Rebeca Gonzalez

# Status (1)

We have created a “google sheets” nominations spreadsheet with all reviews available, broken out by nomination area.

Each reviewer has been given a column for a numerical rating and a column for comments.

The screenshot shows a Google Sheets spreadsheet titled "Nominations". The spreadsheet has columns A through H. The data is organized into rows, with the first row being a header and the following rows containing nomination details. The spreadsheet is currently displaying rows 1 and 2.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Silvia Franchino	Gwen Llewellyn Gardner	Group	Heidelberg Univ	Please leave unc	Detector Operat	Nomination from Run Coordination point of view (Silvia Franchino, Catrin Bernius)  For the commissioning and operation of the L1 TRT track trigger for Ultra Peripheral Collisions (UPC) events for low track pT < 1 GeV Really outstanding commissioning efforts throughout the 2023 data taking year, using every possible opportunity no matter if weekend or night without any complaints and taking into account also other more priority ATLAS activities Note for the achievements in FTE* month: Hard for us to estimate, certainly covered the period of the 2023 commissioning during every data taking opportunity and the Heavy Ion 2023 data taking, but of course a lot of work and effort go into this throughout the year. Note for the categories: It can be both, detector operation and inner detector	24
2	Silvia Franchino	Martin Rybar	Group	Heidelberg Univ	Charles Universi	Detector Operat	Nomination from Run Coordination point of view (Silvia Franchino, Catrin Bernius)	6

## Status (2)

We have created a google document with all drafts available and ready to send to nominees. The letter includes instructions, a timeline, and a link to their respective area nominations tab.

We are ready to send out these emails later today, in order to stay on schedule. Please let us know if you have comments regarding this letter or the process!

Thank you for your willingness to help evaluate this year's nominees for the ATLAS Outstanding Achievement Award, which is intended to "give recognition to excellent contributions made to the collaboration." The deadline for nominations (February 12) has passed.

The 116 nominations have been sorted into categories depending on the area of the contribution. Computing and Software has 11 nominations, which due to overlap results in about 5 nominees of groups or individuals. The next step of our process is to get from reviewers a rating of the strength of the nominations that will be used for an overall ranking of the candidates. Please use a scale from 5 to 1 (5 strongest, 1 weakest) for your rating, noting that an additional decimal place (e.g. 4.5) is allowed. The email soliciting nominations is pasted below, for your information.

We understand that this is an additional demand on your precious time and we are grateful for your assistance with determining the winners of this important award. Your review will be critical in helping us make a selection of the most deserving people from the many nominations.

Please enter your ratings, along with your comments, on the spreadsheet provided in the column with your initials:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XkOoZHEHfdg-9pttFDTfW2rFSbIT0NdpNGLxyMqfh4/edit#gid=2032591676>

Column L is for your rating, column M is for your comments.

In order to proceed with our selection process we ask that you complete your ratings by March 11. Thank you for your time and help!

Best regards,  
Lucia, Maria, Ricardo, Sarah