Hi all,

this is a short circular with a couple of important news, so please, read it to the end and respond ASAP with an answer to point (2) and register, if you have not done that yet.

1) We know there are some concerns about how the shutdown will affect the workshop. There is no reason to worry on our end. Of course, some people may have problems to attend and we will have to arrange the agenda around it, but remember, this is a workshop that will be open through internet connection to everyone so, we may still be able to have their contributions.

2) We have finally figure out our funding situation, unfortunately, we do not reach the amount that we were targeting so we have to be cautious in how we distribute these funds so that we are sure we take the greatest benefit for the AO workshop. Some of you have express the need for funds, to evaluate and make a decision (this Thursday), we need to collect information from all of you in this regard (even the ones that do not need funds). Please, answer this email with an option from the list bellow (by Wednesday evening). We will send you our decision by Friday.

   1 - I need funds for airfare
   2 - I need funds for lodging
   3 - I need funds for meals (breakfast and lunch)
   4 - A combination of the above (express which)
   5 - I DO NOT need funds at all.

Please, have in mind that we may not be able to cover all your needs, even if we would like to.

3) Tomorrow we will publish the agenda with the different sessions and talks (this will be preliminary and may change from now to the moment of the workshop)

4) IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTER YET, DO IT NOW, it takes 1 minute, we will strike out anyone that is not registered by Thursday noon (except for people directly affected by the shutdown) http://areciboobservatory.org/futures/registration.html

5) Those of you that have been invited to give a talk, submit an abstract by the end f this month.
Those of you that have not been invited to give a talk can still send a contibution through the form in our website http://areciboobservatory.org/futures/community-input.html
The SOC and LOC continues working on the organization of this workshop and we are really delighted that we can count on you all to make this a success.

Thank you very much,

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(on behalf of the SOC and LOC)