

# ADS Users Group Welcome

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# Membership

- [Kathy Flanagan](#) (chair)
- [Carrie Anderson](#) (NASA/GSFC Astrochemistry Lab)
- [Roc Cutri](#) (IPAC, Caltech)
- Ruth Kneale (NSO) / [Line Nybakk Akerholt](#) (U. Oslo)
- [Chris Lintott](#) (U. Oxford / Zooniverse)
- Sandy Payette / [Erick Peirson](#) (Cornell U. Library, arXiv)
- [Josh Peek](#) (STScI)
- [Matthew Turk](#) (iSchool at UIUC)
- Jake VanderPlas (U. Washington eScience Institute)
- [Michael Wise](#) (Netherlands Institute for Radio Astronomy)

# New Members



Line Nybakk Akerholt, head Librarian, Science Library, U. Oslo. Line holds a MS in Library and Information Science from U. Oslo, where she is responsible for the library's collections in astronomy and astrophysics, and the Science library's collection in library and information science.



Erick Peirson, lead system architect, arXiv-NG. Erick holds a PhD from Arizona State University (ASU) where he was a founding member of the Digital Innovation Group that explores the intersections of science and society in the digital age.

# 2015 SR Recommendation

*“The panel recommends that ADS sets up a user group, comprised of a representative user community including a member of the NASA archive community that provides guidance to ADS on:*

- 1. Annual operations/development plans*
- 2. Prioritization of new tools and infrastructure improvements*
- 3. Applicability to science*
- 4. Access to data”*

# Charter

The ADS Users Group (ADSUG) advises the ADS on the operations of the project, and recommends changes and improvements to both its services and procedures in order to maximize the scientific productivity of the community it serves.

The ADSUG will advocate for the user community and provide suggestions regarding content curation, technical infrastructure, management, and priority setting.

The User Group will be advisory and will make its reports to the ADS Principal Investigator (PI).

It is anticipated that the ADSUG will meet once a year. The ADSUG will summarize its deliberations in a written report to the PI, and its findings will be posted publicly on the ADS website.

# Terms of Membership

*“The ADSUG has a membership of approximately ten individuals chosen by the PI. The composition consists of a broad constituency of users, including scientists and representatives from the library and digital repository communities. The PI, Project Scientist, NASA Discipline Scientist, and Executive Secretary attend meetings of the group ex-officio.*

*To allow a balance between continuity and new input, members will be appointed for a nominal three year term starting on the date of the first meeting attended. The PI can ask a member to serve for one more year if mutually agreeable. The chair will be nominated and appointed by the PI for a two year period. The PI can ask the chair to serve for additional one year periods.”*

Note: membership and chair rotation schedule on the agenda for this meeting.

# Meeting Goals

Beyond help in task prioritization, the ADS team seeks advice on the following topics:

- Strategic vision and roadmap for the project in the context of NASA's Astrophysics Archives Program
- Blue sky thinking: what are the next big things that ADS should consider working on?
- Collaborations: which partnerships should be strengthened or pursued?