SOFIA Science & Technology International Council (STIC)
FMR -> More contacts with other observatories for ensuring a healthy exchanges of information ranging from strategic to science decision.

STIC will:

- Discuss high level strategy regarding science operations, science implementation, instrumentation, new technologies on the horizon that could help SOFIA/enhance science.
- Advocacy to other observatories, missions, institutions.
- Provide input/feedback on our ongoing efforts to increase SOFIA’s science return on the investment.
Initial Draft Highlights

• STIC is not going to be an advisory council.

• Eight international scientists (including the chair) from the astronomical and planetary communities as selected by NASA & DLR.

• Ex-Officio: GSSWG & SUG chairs

• Members of the Project (e.g. SMO Director, DSI/SMO deputy director) can participate and present as needed.

• Chair appointed by the STIC members (2 year term, but can change earlier if needed).

• STIC members appointed also for 2 years but staggered.

• NASA & DLR (Project Scientists & Project Managers) convene the STIC

• STIC meeting cadence: yearly. Either F2F or videoconference.

• Costs: STIC is either virtual or joint to a major conference (e.g. AAS or IAU).

• No subcommittees.

• STIC meeting not open to the public.
• NASA & DLR provide updates & status.

• STIC helps NASA & DLR to strategize high level topics.

• SIS will be closed within the 1st quarter of 2021.

• New STIC charter will be signed.