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***For discussion and decision by the Presidents. Submitted by the Secretariat.***

In a series of online Presidents' Meetings that were held in late January and early February 2021, Professor Stephen Toope, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, was elected IARU Chair for 2021–2023. Cambridge began its term in April 2021. As the Presidents are aware, Professor Toope will be leaving Cambridge at the end of September this year and it has been agreed by the Presidents that the interim Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge will serve out the remainder of Cambridge's term as Chair.

The IARU Secretariat follows the transfer of the Chair. A transition period of 1–2 months takes place at the end of one university's term as Chair, during which the outgoing Secretariat on-boards the new and transfers administrative responsibilities.

There are currently four IARU universities that have not yet served as Chair: the University of Oxford, Peking University, the University of Cape Town, and Yale University.

**Cambridge has approached Vice-Chancellor Mamokgethi Phakeng of the University of Cape Town about the possibility of serving as IARU Chair. We would now like to propose this to the other Presidents for discussion and decision.**

### Past IARU Chairs

2019 – 2021	Professor Makoto Gonokami, University of Tokyo
2017 – 2018	Professor Carol Christ, University of California, Berkeley
2015 – 2016	Professor Ralf Hemmingsen, University of Copenhagen
2013 – 2014	Professor Ralph Eichler, ETH Zürich
2009 – 2012	Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, National University of Singapore
2005 – 2008	Professor Ian Chubb, Australian National University