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Resumen:

The Athena Community Office (ACO) has been established by ESA's Athena Science Study Team (ASST) in order to obtain support in performing its tasks assigned by ESA, and most specially in the ASST role as "focal point for the interests of the broad scientific community". The ACO is led by the Instituto de Física de Cantabria (CSIC-UC), and its activities are funded by CSIC and UC. Further ACO contributors are the University of Geneva, MPE and IRAP. In this poster, we present ACO to the Spanish Astronomical Community, informing about its main responsibilities, which are: 1. Assist the ASST in organising and collecting support from the Athena Working Groups and Topical Panels. 2. Organise and maintain the documentation generated by the Athena Working Groups and Topical Panels. 3. Manage the Working Group and Topical Panel membership lists. 4. Assist the ASST in promoting Athena science capabilities in the research world, through Conferences & Workshops. 5. Keep a record of all (refereed and non-refereed) papers and presentations related to Athena, 6. Support the production of ASST documents. 7. Produce and distribute regularly an Athena Newsletter, informing the community about all mission and science developments. 8. Create and maintain the Athena Community web portal. 9. Maintain an active communication activity. 10. Promote, organise and support Athena science-related public outreach, in coordination with ESA and other agencies involved when appropriate. Design and produce materials and provide pointers to available materials produced by other parties. In summary, ACO is meant to become a focal point to facilitate the scientific exchange between the Athena activities and the scientific community at large, and to disseminate the Athena science objectives to the general public.