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The *Athena* Community Office (ACO) was established by ESA's *Athena* Science Study Team (ASST) in order to obtain support in performing its tasks assigned by ESA, and most especially 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). Further ACO contributors are the University of Geneva, MPE and IRAP.

In this poster, we will describe the ACO main responsibilities, which are: assist the ASST in organising and collecting support from the *Athena* Working Groups and Topical Panels; organise and maintain the documentation generated by the Athena Working Groups and Topical Panels; manage the Working Group and Topical Panel membership lists; assist the ASST in promoting *Athena* science capabilities in the research world, through conferences and workshops; keep a record of all papers and presentations related to *Athena*; support the production of ASST documents; produce and distribute regularly an *Athena* Newsletter, informing the community about all mission and science developments; maintain the Athena Community web portal; maintain an active communication activity; promote, organise and support *Athena* science-related public outreach, in coordination with ESA and other agencies involved when appropriate; and, design, 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.

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