

UK SPICA Science Meeting, RAS, 22 Jan. 2016

SPICA

the next generation

Infrared Space Telescope

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- **What are key UK science priorities?**
 - Galaxy evolution, local galaxies, and debris disks/PPN – as expected
 - Plus other ideas – e.g., solar system, ISM and SF, exoplanets, intergalactic dust, astrochemical modelling/lab. studies . . .
- **How can people get involved?**
 - Register by email at spica@sron.nl
 - Contact Peter Roelfsema, Matt Griffin, Dave Clements, or Stephen Serjeant

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- **Guaranteed time availability**
 - To be decided
 - An open process in the UK
 - It's important but not the driver for UK involvement
- **How to persuade STFC/UKSA to support SPICA?**
 - Briefing and lobbying of UKSA and STFC Executives and advisory committees (esp. AAP and SPAC) emphasising
 - Science case and extent of interested community
 - Unique and mission-critical UK capabilities
 - Liaison with UK industry