



EARSeL SIG chairperson election process (2025) for the term 2025 - 2029

Every 4 years, EARSeL holds elections for Special Interest Group (SIG) chairpersons representing important groups of remote sensing applications within the EARSeL member laboratories. Currently, 17 SIGs are active within EARSeL. **This call is also an opportunity for any EARSeL member to propose a new SIG.**

More info about the current existing interest groups and the duties of the SIG chairpersons can be found here: <https://earsel.org/sig/>.

The following rules apply to this call:

1. Each candidate must be an EARSeL member.
2. The submission of a common candidacy by two applicants is encouraged.
3. The candidate(s) is asked to send the following documentation to the EARSeL Head Office ([mailto: secretariat@earsel.org](mailto:secretariat@earsel.org)) before the **April 4th, 2025**:
 - half-page motivation letter indicating SIG of interest,
 - half-page plan outlining planned SIG activities for the four-year electoral term (and activities conducted during the last term for current SIG chairpersons willing to apply for another term),
 - one-page CV containing achievements in connection with the field of remote sensing
4. The four-year electoral term is renewable. A criterion for re-election is a successful activity (updated SIG website, bi-annual SIG Workshops or thematic sessions during Symposia or Workshops, support or nomination of SIG members to local organisers of Symposia, e.g. for chairing, reviewing and organising thematic sessions, publication of SIG contributions, e.g. thematic papers, special issues in journals, EARSeL Books).
5. In May 2025, the election of SIG chairpersons will be done by the Council members, the only ones within EARSeL having a voting right. Following the election, the EARSeL Secretary will compile the results which will have to be approved by the EARSeL Bureau and Council during the meetings to be held in Prague in May 2025 (in the frame of the Symposium).
6. The official results will be announced during the General assembly of the association (organized during the Symposium) and elected chairpersons will also be informed via email.
7. The four-year electoral term will start on **June 1st, 2025**.
8. The Bureau has the right to exclude any chairperson from his/her position if
 - the SIG is not active anymore or
 - the chairperson is not an EARSeL member anymore