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**Subject: XMM-Newton Announcement of Opportunity**

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to respond to the eighteenth "Announcement of Opportunity" to submit proposals for observations to be performed with the XMM-Newton observatory.

This Announcement solicits proposals to be carried out between May 2019 and April 2020. Proposers from institutes located worldwide are welcome to participate. All proposals will be subject to peer review by the XMM-Newton Observing Time Allocation Committee.

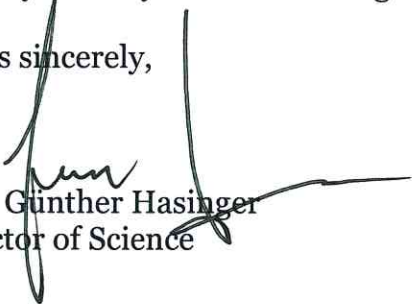
The detailed schedule of milestones of the announcement, the required software tools and the documentation are available from:

<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/xmm-newton/ao18>

I would appreciate if you would distribute this invitation to interested colleagues.

I wish you every success in using the XMM-Newton observatory.

Yours sincerely,



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