

PIG 24 : Authorship policy

<https://github.com/gammapy/gammapy/pull/3970>

Context

- Not yet have a policy for authorship
 - Citation, paper author list, contributions, DOI repo and Archive, our web page
- Needed as :
 - Close to the V1.0 release
 - After that, phase of maintenance and development
 - The first SAT of CTAO will be released before the SDC
 - Need to valorise Gammapy and to recognise the dev teams

Where we stand

- Draft submitted ~1 month ago
- The following seems to be accepted:
 - Global structure of the PIG
 - The different author lists for LTS, release, papers and conf contributions
 - Unique list in CITATION.cff, ZENODO.json, codemeta.json
 - The order of authors
 - Accepted as contributors : whom with an official role, no threshold on the contributions
- Main point of discussion :
 - The definition of a contributor :
 - Which repo from GitHub, GitHub vs OptIn, GitHub + OptIn, ..
 - Should we have an OptOut scheme ?
 - Need of a « Contributor License Agreement » ?
 - A kind of Copyright Transfer Agreement for our BDS-3 Clause licence.
 - No signature could be asked as we are not a legal entity. Accepting to contribute means accepting the CLA
 - GitHub profile : need as least a valid 'FirstName, LastName', the rest should be optional.
 - What if the profile is incomplete ? To who will be the responsibility of an incomplete author metadata ?

Implementation

- Automatic scripts are needed to ease the complex release process
 - I have tested a script that uses the GitHub API to list the contributions from any type ('commits', 'pulls', 'issues', 'comments') in any repo
 - To Do : use the ORCID API, the formatting of outputs (cff, json, html)
- Do we add a `gammapy.DEFAULT_CITATION` ?

Time Scale

- Retroplanning :
 - Acceptation of the script(s) PR (2/3 weeks)
 - Validation by the CC of the PIG (2 weeks)
 - Acceptation by the devs team of the PIG 24 ?
- Agreement on its content for the end of the week ???