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CONTACT INFORMATION CHECKUP

In an effort to ensure that efficient communication with the Society is facilitated, Directors of Sections and officers of the various national Centres are requested to check that their contact details as published in the *Handbook*, and on the inside back cover of *MNASSA*, are correct. Any amendments should be sent to the Secretary.

ORDERING SKY &TELESCOPE

Sky & Telescope may be ordered through the Society at a current cost of US \$50 p.a. instead of the normal \$59.95 and will always run for 12 months from whatever time of the year it is ordered. The Rand amount required to be paid to the Society has been set at R 575.00. This figure will be updated in every issue of MNASSA.

5[™] ASSA SYMPOSIUM: CALL FOR PAPERS

The first announcement of the 5th ASSA Symposium was made in *MNASSA* for February 2002. With this second announcement, the Organising Committee is calling for papers for the event.

The Symposium will be held from Friday November 29 to Sunday December 1 at the Aloc Ridge Hotel and Conference Centre, and will be hosted by the Pretoria Centre of ASSA.

The three days of lectures will be divided into six topics:

- · papers by invited speakers
- · papers on instrumentation
- · history of astronomy in southern Africa
- the work of the observing sections of the Society
- latest research topics (intended for professional astronomers, etc.)
- the solar cclipse of December 4

We are pleased to announce that Dr Janet Mattei, Director of the American Association of Variable Star Observers, has agreed to present a paper.

Persons intending to present a paper at the Symposium (or submit a poster paper) should contact the Organising Chairman (details below). Presenters will be sent a registration form on which they should indicate the title of their paper, provide an abstract and a short CV for publication in the Symposium Agenda. They will also receive a timetable for submission of draft and final copies. All papers will be published in the Proceedings, which will be available on CD-ROM.

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