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Update: ASSA Symposium 2008

This is a reminder that the 2008 ASSA Symposium, co-hosted by the Midlands and Durban Centres, will be held at the Durban Country Club on 7, 8 and 9 August 2008.

Some abstracts have been received, but not nearly enough to accommodate presenters in all the time slots provided for in the preliminary programme. Abstracts of papers (not the actual papers at this stage) in PDF format, are to be submitted before **30 April 2008** to mikedenny@intekom.co.za, Cc debruynl@telkomsa.net. Please note that no mathematics and drawings/images are to be included in the abstracts.

Papers are divided into full papers, (time for presentation is 30 minutes), short papers (20 minutes) and poster presentations. Please note that authors of poster presentations may be required to do a five minute verbal presentation.

The organising committee would like to invite as many people as possible to submit abstracts and to attend the Symposium.

The organising committee may be contacted at the above email addresses or by phoning 033-396 3624 (h) for more information. ☆

Imaging Section news

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The field of astronomical imaging and image processing have experienced several exciting years, supplemented by on-going development of modern astronomical, computer- and communication equipment and software. Today's astrophotographers enjoy access to a vast range of electronic imaging tools and specialised computer programs. From web-cameras and free

software to the most sophisticated CCD-based scientific imaging instruments. Furthermore, various fully computerised telescopes, dedicated to astro-imaging and photometric research, can now be accessed on the Internet and used from the university lecture room, the research laboratory or from the comfort of your home. No wonder astro-imaging is be-