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New Members

At a Council meeting held on 5 February 2008 at SAAO, Cape Town, the following new members were approved. *MNASSA* hereby would like to welcome them all.

Ms EP Beltz, Kensington Mr AE Kotze, Durbanville Mr PN Boshoff, Pinelands Mr L Kroon, Quellerina Mr IR Canning, Prince Albert Mr RE Lautre, Pennington Dr S Fourie, Flamwood Mr GJ Lillis, Port Elizabeth Mr S Fryer, Rooihuiskraal Mr L Piovesan, Witbank Mr H Geyer, Bloemfontein Mr JR Prentice, Estcourt Mr K Govender, Observatory Mr AD Soomaroo, Verulam Mr N Grobler, Kempton Park Mr D van der Spuy, Hermanus Ms A Jooste, Pretoria Dr P van Deventer, Bellville

Similarly at the Council meeting of 8 April 2008 held at SAAO, Cape Town the following new members were approved:

Mr RT Jenkins, Kraaifontein Mr R Oosthuizen, Bloemfontein Dr JA Meintjies, Jagersfontein Mr FA Mills, Witbank Mr D Olivier, Vanderbijlpark Mr F Retief, Johannesburg

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.

This is a very urgent call for more abstracts to be submitted. Some have been received, but more speakers are required to completely fill the programme. Note that astronomy papers with topics other than what strictly resorts under the Symposium topic are also welcome.

Abstracts of papers are to be submitted as soon as possible, in PDF format to *mikedenny@intekom.co.za*, Cc *debruyn1@telkomsa.net*. For more information, write to the these email addresses or call Frikkie de Bruyn at 033-396 3624 (h). Full details, including accommodation options is available from the Symposium webpage at www. astronomydurban.co.za/symposium.htm