

## **A.S.S.A. Historical Section 2022 Year Report**

### **Introduction:**

The Astronomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA) turned 100 in 2022. Congratulations to ASSA on their first CENTENARY. May there be many more! During the past year (Calendar Year 2022) the following has happened concerning the History of Astronomy.

**Archive:** A cloud based backup digital Archive was approved by council and set up. This is an archive in which each role player, whether it is the council, centres or section chairman's can store important documentation. This will ensure that new council members will have access to documents and decisions made by previous councils. The archive will help preserve documents and make research easier.

### **Symposium:**

The Bi-Annual ASSA symposium was hosted in Cape Town. My gratitude to the organizers of the Symposium for the focus on historical material.

### **MNASSA:**

#### **Publications:**

Due to the Centenary celebrations a program was launched to record the history of different aspects of the Society. Very valuable articles were written that records information that would have been lost! Please note my appreciation to the editorial team of MNASSA and the following people:

- Beukes, W. Dr.: "History of the Cape Centre", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Abel, D.: "History of the Durban Centre", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Hers. P.: "History of GRASSA - The Garden Route Centre of ASSA", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- De Villiers, P.: "History of the Hermanus Astronomy Centre", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Ives, C.: "History of the Johannesburg Centre", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Poll, M.: "History of the Pretoria Centre", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Glass, I.: "History of MNASSA", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Steward, C.: "ASSA Instrumentation Section", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Jamieson, A.: "The Johannesburg Glass Plate Story", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 5-6 June 2022.
- Cooper, T.: "One Hundred Years of the Comet, Asteroid and Meteor Section", Mnassa Vol.81 nos 7-8 August 2022.

### **Obituaries:**

MNASSA published obituaries on the following astronomers:

- Maartin Schmidt (1929 - 1922), Mnassa Vol.81 nos 7-8 August 2022.
- John Drummond Laing (1931 - 2022), Mnassa Vol.81 nos 7-8 August 2022.

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