

**HONORARY DEGREE FOR DR  
GEORGE NICOLSON**

Dr George Nicolson, Director of the Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Rhodes University in April.

Nicolson's career began at Hartebeesthoek in 1961 when he joined the staff of the NASA Deep Space Station there. He was responsible for the development of the Station into a radio astronomy observatory when NASA pulled out. He earned his PhD from Wits University in 1975 for a study of the variability and spectra of quasars.

Dr Nicolson was ASSA President in 1985-1986 and received the Gill Medal in 1997.

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The 5th ASSA Symposium will be held from Friday November 29 to Sunday December 1 at the Aloe 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 eclipse of December 4

Persons intending to present a paper at the Symposium (or submit a poster paper) should contact the Organising Chairman. 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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