

5TH ASSA SYMPOSIUM: PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The 5th ASSA 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 provisional programme includes Prof Brian Warner's Keynote Lecture "Classical Novac: Stellar Apoplexy, Convalescence and Recovery", the Danie Overbeek Memorial Lecture by Dr Janet Mattei (AAVSO), and Prof Fabio Frescura (U. Witwatersrand), on "Pulsars".

Other topics include "Recent Developments at Boyden Observatory", "Boyden Observatory's Public Program", "W Ursa Majoris Stars", "The formation of O₂ in the early Atmosphere", "Why Space Geodesy?", "Supernova Search Program", "Recent ASSA results on Comets and Meteors", "Occultations", "The SA Meteorite Recovery Program", "Variable Stars", "The ASSA Historical Section Website", "Deep Sky Dedication", "Construction and Use of an Audine CCD Camera", "Early History of Astronomy in Southern Africa", "A History of Comet Discovery from South Africa", "The Abbé de la Caille", "The History of the Union Observatory", "Invention and development of the Telescope", "Investigation of Optical and Near Infra Red Surface Brightness Profiles of Spiral Galaxies" and "A quantum perspective

of the creation of matter in the early universe".

The final session will concentrate on solar eclipses; contributions include "Preview of the solar Eclipse, 2002 December 4", "Observing Solar Eclipses", "Reminiscences from the Last Solar Eclipse" and "Footage of the 1940 Solar Eclipse."

Exhibits and poster papers include items on meteorites, astrophotography, the International Dark Sky Association, and Lacaille's 18th century deep-sky catalogue.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Tim Cooper, who can be contacted at PO Box 14740, Bredell, 1623 or on e-mail at <tpcoope@mweb.co.za>.

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