

ASSA Bloemfontein Centre

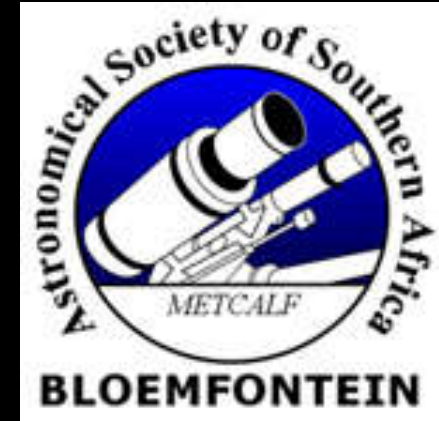
Symposium 2006

ASSA Bloemfontein Centre

Established in 1959, affiliated with ASSA

Complete History put in digital archives in 2005 and is on the website – www.assabfn.co.za

Through the Centre's history, meetings at Boyden, Lamont-Hussey, in and outside city (Brandkop, Mooihoek Observatories etc.)



Recent years

Form of meetings

Quarterly official meetings,
Workshops, Observation
evenings, training, away-
weekends, public outreach

On average about two
activities per month.



Focus shifted to practical astronomy

ASSA Bloemfontein for people who actually practice astronomy as hobby. Those with a passing or armchair interest are canalized to the Friends of Boyden.



Benefit of Friends of Boyden

ASSA Bloemfontein is extremely fortunate to have this interest group in the city.

Very good relationship between the club and Friends, help to organize open-evenings in and outside Boyden together.



Practical activities

Deep Sky Observations

Solar and lunar studies

Educational outreach

Comets & Meteors

Historical research

Astrophotography

Telescope Making



Educational / Public outreach

Probably the biggest strength of ASSA Bloemfontein, what we “specialize” in. Assist the Friends of Boyden and Boyden Observatory, but has own outreach program also.



Club membership: 30

**Also serving the Friends
of Boyden with
membership of 40.**

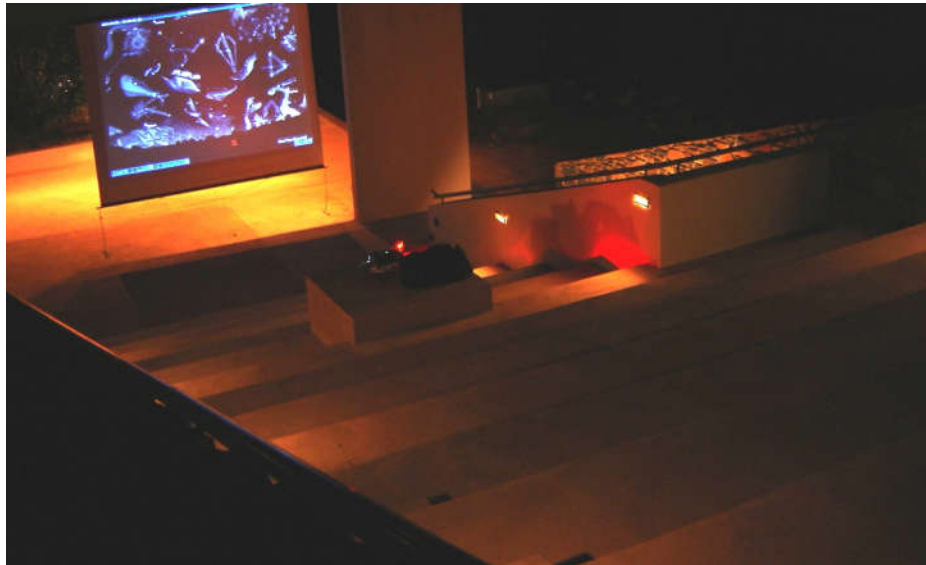
Total: 70





**Current committee
2006/2007**

Hannes Pieterse, Gerrit Penning, Mia Zeelie,
Pat van Heerden, Phillip Coetzer



Involvement at Boyden Observatory:
lending our expertise and skills as
presenters to the Boyden Science Centre
and Friends of Boyden.





Boyden Observatory

ASSA Bloemfontein does not have uncontrolled access to Boyden: members must be assisted by a qualified Boyden Educational official and must reserve the facilities in advance. If observation evenings are at Boyden, the Boyden telescopes are actually **NOT** used! We bring our own telescopes and work on the observation platform.

Communication

- Dedicated member email list
- Die Naghemel Newsletter (official Centre newsletter)
- SpaceTides e-zine (the centre's newsletter to the public)
- Website

