

### ASSA Membership

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are reminded to please do so immediately since their membership will terminate with this issue if they don't. Please contact the membership secretary (see inside back cover for details) if you have any questions.

At a Council meeting held on 4 September 2007 at SAAO, Cape Town, the following new members were approved and are hereby welcomed:

Mr Tim Acker, Durbanville  
Mr M S Boltman, Bryanston  
Mr H M Botha, Pretoria  
Mr J A Braun, Cape Town  
Mr Nolan Braun, Cape Town  
Mr D J Caird, Port Elizabeth  
Mr P Cervino, Windhoek  
Mr Shaun Culver, Beaconsfield  
Mr G Fritz, Bloemfontein

Mr W Kotze, Strand  
Mr Emile Langenhoven, Cape Town  
Ms R Lavery, Cape Town  
Mr & Mrs K Myburgh, Bloemfontein  
Mr F Roelofse, Pretoria  
Mr Georgie van der Walt, Koffiefontein  
Ms G van Heerden, Port Elizabeth  
Mr Eben van Tonder, Pretoria  
Mr A G Versveld, Pretoria

### ASSA Symposium 2008

#### First Announcement and Invitation to submit Papers

The society will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Symposium in July/August 2008 in Durban. Final dates will be set out in the second announcement. The Symposium is being co-hosted by the Durban and Midlands Centres of ASSA.

The two days of papers by both eminent professional and amateur astronomers will have keynote speakers focusing on the interaction between astronomy and cosmology. The Symposium will include papers on astronomical observation, cosmology and the latest research in these fields as well as papers relating

to astronomy from the historical perspective.

At this early stage, the organising committee is calling for abstracts (non-tech-



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nical overviews of the papers that will eventually be submitted. No mathematical or diagrammatic content required).

Spoken papers may be submitted in two categories:

- Short papers, for delivery in 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion and questions.
- Full papers, with 40 minutes for delivery and 20 minutes for discussion and questions.

A third available category is:

- Presentations in the form of posters, which may total about 1 000 - 1 500 words, artistically and effectively displayed in graphical format.

Authors should indicate on the abstract in which category the paper is being submitted. Please make submissions in Word or PDF format (if emailed) with contact details and paper/poster title. The latest date for submission of abstracts is 31 March 2008.

The Symposium committee reserves the right to accept or reject a paper and to decide in which session of the Symposium it will be placed, although all effort will be made to accommodate speakers.

Persons interested in attending the symposium, delivering a paper or presenting a poster should contact the chairman of the organising committee:

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## errata

It is amazing how, despite several iterations of checking, the printer's devil still gets a foothold – (more probably related to midnight oil!). Thanks to the readers who pointed these out.

The sentence "AGM - Centre Reports" on the cover of the August 2007 issue

should have read: "AGM - Section Reports". Two surnames were misspelled on p.133 – the correct spellings are: "Mr Peter van Blommestein" and "Mr Rupert Hurly". On p.140 there was an omission from the full title of the "Cape Peninsula University of Technology". ☆