

A.S.S.A. Historical Section 2018 Year Report

Introduction:

The following events concerning the History of Astronomy occurred during the past year (Calendar Year 2018)

Website:

Selected sections of the website was updated.

Archive:

Ongoing and nothing new to report.

Symposium:

The Bi-Annual ASSA symposium was hosted in Cape Town. Preceding the ASSA symposium, a Historical Symposium was also held on 7 to 8 March. The aim of the symposium was to start preparations for the 200th Anniversary in 2020 of Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope (now known as the SAAO). The Historical Section wishes to extend a special word of appreciation to the Organising committee consisting of Ian S. Glass (SAAO) / Petri Vaisanen (SAAO) / Case Rijdsdijk (ASSA) / Auke Slotegraaf (ASSA / CfAH) / Daniel Cunnama (SAAO) and Christian Hettlage (SAAO). For more information see Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 3 & 4 April 2018, pp. 29 - 37.

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Publications:

Individuals in their private capacities wrote articles with historical content. Please note my appreciation to the following people:

- The Wind Tower at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope by Ian Glass: Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 9 & 10 October 2018, pp. 151 - 161
- Bringing Mars to Life - Mars Imaging with the 13-inch Boyden Refractor by Clyde Foster: Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 9 & 10 October 2018, pp. 173 - 177.

Obituaries:

MNASSA published obituaries on the following astronomers:

- Donald Lynden-Bell by Ian Glass: Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 1 & 2 February 2018, pp. 7-8.
- Andrew Grey by A & L Hecter: Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 3 & 4 April 2018, pp. 53 - 54
- Sergio Colafrancesco by John Carter: Mnassa Vol 77 Nos 9 & 10 October 2018, p.143.

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