

ASSA Symposium 2010
First announcement and invitation to submit papers

The Society will hold its 2010 Symposium on 7, 8 and 9 October 2010 in Pretoria. The Symposium will be hosted by the Pretoria Centre of ASSA.

The symposium will be focusing on light/spectrum pollution, but will not be limited to these topics. All other aspects of astronomy will be allowed during the Symposium. We wish to invite both professional and amateur astronomers to present papers at the symposium.

The organizing committee is calling for abstracts (non-technical overviews of the papers that will eventually be presented. No mathematical or diagrammatic content required).

Verbal papers may be submitted in two categories:

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

A third available category is:

- Presentations in the form of displays. These may use one standard folding table (about 1 800 X 600 mm in size) and a poster board behind it to display any subject pertaining to astronomy.

Authors should indicate in the abstract in which category the paper is being submitted. Please make submissions in .doc (MS Word) or Adobe PDF format. Only e-mailed submissions, with the file attached, will be accepted. Full contact details (including e-mail address) and the full title of the paper **MUST** be submitted with the abstract. The latest date for submission is 17 September 2010.

Please indicate a preferred date and time to present your paper.

The Symposium committee reserves the right to accept or reject papers and to decide in which session of the Symposium it will be placed, although all efforts will be made to accommodate presenters.

Persons interested in attending the Symposium, delivering a paper or presenting a display should contact the Symposium committee at:

symposium2010@pretoria-astronomy.co.za

More details and a subscription form can also be downloaded from:

<http://www.pretoria-astronomy.co.za>

Alternatively, the phone contact is: Andrie van der Linde at: 083 632 4894