

Astronomical Society of the Republic of China 2013 Scientific Assembly (ASROC2013)

National Penghu University of Science and Technology
Penghu, May 24 – 26, 2013



The 3rd Circular

ASROC2013, the 2013 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China, will be held at National Penghu University of Science and Technology on May 24–26 (Fri–Sun). This is the annual event for all astronomers and astrophysicists in Taiwan to report their latest results and to exchange new ideas. ASROC2013 is an excellent venue, too, for graduate students to present their research findings and/or progress from thesis studies.

Besides scientific and educational sessions, poster presentations, and a business meeting, ASROC2013 will also include two plenary talks: “*Probing Strong Gravity with Accreting Black Holes*” (on May 25) given by the former President of the Royal Astronomical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Society, Prof. **Andrew Fabian** of University of Cambridge, and “*The Search for Life in the Universe*” (on May 26) by Dr. **Donald Goldsmith**, the winner of the Annenberg Award of American Astronomical Society in astronomy education, and the Dorothea Klumpke-Roberts Award of Astronomical Society of the Pacific in popularization of astronomy, respectively. The scientific program, including oral talks and poster presentations, is now available at the meeting website:

<http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en/agenda.php>

In addition to the scientific agenda, half-day group excursions are arranged at choice in the afternoon of May 25 (Sat); conference banquet will be held later in the evening and all meeting participants are welcome (<http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en/tourbanquet.php>). During the meeting, astronomical book and instrumentation exhibition are also scheduled. Given the meeting date overlap the annual Penghu Firework Festival, participants of ASROC2013 are strongly encouraged to make travel arrangements and hotel booking as soon as possible (<http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en/travelNAccom.php#travel>).

The online registration of ASROC2013 is now closed; those who missed the online registration can still register on-site. A registration fee of NT\$500 should be paid on site. Registration fee will be waived for ASROC members with 2013 annual membership fee paid.

The Local Organizing Committee would like to remind all participants of the following items:

© Meeting Venue:

The ASROC meeting will be held at the International Conference Hall in the Marine Science

& Technology Building (N) of National Penghu University of Science and Technology. The registration desk/area is located in front of the conference hall. More information about access to the Penghu University can be found at the meeting webpage. On-campus parking is available and is free of charge; please show the A4-size ASROC2013 meeting poster (can be downloaded at http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/doc/asroc2013poster_A4.pdf) to campus police when entering the university and leave it on the dash board when parked.

◎ **Oral Presentations:**

Oral contributions are scheduled for 12/15/18/20 minutes in length (including 3 minutes Q&A). All speakers are strongly recommended to load your presentation files onto the on-site computer before your session. The meeting will provide computers equipped with Microsoft and Mac platforms and standard presentation software. Please test your presentations in advance.

◎ **Poster Presentations:**

The physical size of the poster board is about 90 cm wide and 180 cm high. Posters should be set up before 5:00 pm on May 24. Authors can identify their poster boards by the tagged ID number on top of each board. All posters should be removed by their authors before 3:00 pm on May 26.

A competition for the Best Poster Award among student presentations will be held during the meeting. Poster authors are recommended to attend their posters during coffee breaks. The three awardees will be given the opportunity to present a 3-minute oral report each on their award-winning research work in the General Assembly to be held at 10:00 – 10:45 am on May 26 (Sun).

◎ **Tours:**

For those who signed up for excursions on May 25 (Saturday), there are two tour options (<http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en/tourbanquet.php>). Tour A is a Penghu Island-wide trip and Tour B is a Offshore platform trip. Your choice of tour will be made on the first-come, first-choice bases. Please inform the LOC your tour preference at your earliest convenience.

◎ **Payment:**

Payment includes the registration fee (NT\$ 500/person), tour (about NT\$450/person), and banquet (NT\$50/person). Please prepare exact changes for your applicable payment at the time of registration.

Again, the ASROC sincerely welcome you to joining the 2013 Annual Meeting. For more information, please visit the ASROC2013 website at:

<http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en/index.php>

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