Astronomical Society of the Republic of China 2016 Scientific Assembly (ASROC2016)

National Cheng Kung University, Tainan May 13 – 15, 2016

The 2016 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (ASROC2016) will be held at National Cheng Kung University on May 13 (Fri) – 15 (Sun), 2016. This is an annual event for all astronomers and astrophysicists in Taiwan to present their most recent discoveries and observations, to report their latest research results and to exchange ideas, and to promote collaborations. Oral presentations and conference posters in all areas of astronomy and astrophysics are solicited. ASROC2016 is also an excellent venue for junior scientists, in particular graduate students, to present their research findings or progress from their thesis studies.

The meeting will include plenary talks, scientific and educational sessions, poster presentation, and a business meeting. The featured plenary speakers are 1) Prof. Harold A. Weaver, Jr. of Johns Hopkins University. 2) Mr. Zoltan G. Levay of Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI). Prof. Weaver, the New Horizons project scientist, will give a plenary talk on "The Exploration of Pluto and the Kuiper Belt by New Horizons." Mr. Levay, the Imaging Group Lead of the Office of Public Outreach and PI of the Hubble Heritage Project at STScI, will talk about "Visualizing Hubble's Colorful Universe." The scientific program, including oral talks and poster presentations, is now available at the meeting website:

http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2016/en/program.php

In the Assembly, the Society will also present the 3rd Heaven Quest Award to Academician Frank Shu for his distinguished contributions to astronomical research, and the 3rd Heaven Talk Award to Prof. Han-Tzong Su and the APOD Chinese translation team in National Cheng Kung University for their outstanding contributions to astronomy education and popularization of astronomy. In addition to the scientific agenda, a conference banquet will be held at noon on May 14 (Sat) and all meeting participants are welcome to attend; the afternoon is reserved for group discussions or group excursions of choice. Exhibitions of astronomical books and instruments are also planned during the meeting

The online registration of ASROC2016 is now closed; those who missed the online registration can still register on-site. A registration fee of NT\$1000 (NT\$800 for students) should be paid on-site. The ASROC annual membership fee for 2016 will be waived for those who have paid the registration fee of ASROC2016.

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

Oral Presentations:

Oral contributions are scheduled for 15 minutes, <u>including 3 minutes Q&A</u>. All speakers are strongly recommended to load their presentation files onto the on-site computer before their sessions. The meeting will provide computers equipped with Microsoft and Mac platforms and standard presentation software. Please test your presentations in advance.

O Poster Presentations:

The usable size of the poster board is about 90 cm wide and 150 cm high. Posters should be set up before 4:00 pm on May 13. 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 noon on May 15. Poster presenters should stay at the posters during the poster sessions.

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 each be given the opportunity to present a 3-minute oral report on their award-winning research work in the General Assembly during the session at 10:05 – 10:45 am on May 15 (Sun).

O Parking:

The LOC will apply for the parking permission for attendees who plan to drive to NCKU. If you plan to drive, please email your name, plate number and affiliation to service@asroc.org.tw before May 2 (Mon).

© Excursion:

For the excursion on May 14 (Sat), we still have 10 slots. If you plan to join, please send your request to service@asroc.org.tw as soon as possible.

O Payment:

Payment includes the registration fee (NT\$ 1000/person, 800 for students), tour (NT\$199/person), and banquet (NT\$50/person). Please prepare exact changes for your applicable payment at the time of registration.

Again, the ASROC sincerely welcomes you to join the 2016 Annual Meeting. For more information, please visit the ASROC2016 website at:

http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2016/en/index.php

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