

SOCIETY MATTERS

- The next meeting of the ASI will be held at Trivandrum on Feb. 20-22, 2013 and will be hosted jointly by IISER and IIST. The General Body meeting of the ASI will be held on Feb.21, 2013 during the scientific meeting. All life, regular and institutional members are invited to attend the GB meeting. More details about program of the scientific meeting are available at the webpage: <http://asi.iisertvm.ac.in/>
- The database of members of the society needs to be upgraded. In this regard an e-mail was sent to members requesting them to send us their current contact information. The updated database as well as the old information is available on the society web pages (<http://www.astron-soc.in>). In case your information is incorrect, or if you have not been receiving regular updates by e-mail then please send in your information to secretary@astron-soc.in so that this can be added to the database and the e-mail list. Please do include your membership number in the e-mail.
- ASI Executive Council continues to support popular astronomy lectures (to be delivered at School/Junior College/Public level at preferably away from Major Cities) by ASI Members. This scheme was started during the international year of astronomy (IYA-2009). ASI members who wish to give popular talks under this scheme are requested to contact the secretary for further details.
- Nominations are invited for the new discovery award. Indian astronomers who have discovered a comet, an asteroid, a nova or a supernova are eligible. More details about the award are available on the society web pages. Nominations should be sent to the secretary of the society.

The following new members have been inducted at the recent meeting of the executive council.

- ASI Life members:
 - Dr. Prakash Sarkar, IUCAA, Pune
 - Dr. Surajit Paul, IUCAA, Pune
 - Dr. K. Chenna Reddy, Osmania, Hyderabad
 - Dr. Ashish Mahabal, Caltech, USA
 - Dr. Divya Oberoi, NCRA-TIFR, Pune
 - Dr. Firdaus, Raipur
 - Bala Sudhakar Reddy Arumala, IIA, Bangalore

- ASI Associate Members:
 - Ms Soumya S. Kulkarni, M.P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore
 - Mr. Amresh Singh, University of Lucknow
- ASI Student Members:
 - Mr. Saurabh Kumar Pandey, M.G.P.G. College, Gorakhpur
 - Ms. Shivani, University of Lucknow
 - Mr. Vijay Kumar, University of Lucknow
 - Mr. Shailendra Singh, University of Lucknow

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