

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

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

The 2013 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (ASROC2013) will be held at National Penghu University of Science and Technology on May 24 (Friday) – 26 (Sunday), 2013. This is the annual event for all astronomers and astrophysicists in Taiwan to demonstrate their most recent discoveries and observations, to report their latest research results and to exchange ideas, also to organize cooperation when desirable. Oral presentations and conference posters in all areas of astronomy and astrophysics are solicited. ASROC2013 is an excellent venue, too, for students, 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. Andrew Fabian** of University of Cambridge, a Fellow of the Royal Society and also the President of the Royal Astronomical Society (2008-2010), the award recipient of the Rossi Prize (2001) of American Astronomical Society (AAS), the Dannie Heineman Prize (2008) of the AAS and American Institute of Physics (AIP) and the Gold Medal (2012) of the Royal Astronomical Society, and **2) Dr. Donald Goldsmith** of Interstellar Media, also the winner of the Science Writing Award (1986) of AIP, the Dorothea Klumpke- Roberts Award (1990) of Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) in popularization of astronomy, the Annenberg Award (1995) of AAS in astronomy education, and the Award for best science book of the year (2004) from Amazon.com. The titles of plenary talks are *Accreting Black Holes* (tentative) and *The Search for Life in the Universe*, respectively.

ASROC2013 website will be ready by mid-January; on-line registration will also be available. Participants of the scientific assembly should submit their abstracts and register on-line. A registration fee of NT\$500 should be paid on site.

The Astronomical Society cordially invites you to participate in this annual event with all the many interesting and exciting activities. Given the meeting period overlapped the annual Penghu Firework Festival, participants of ASROC2013 are strongly encouraged to make travel arrangements and hotel booking in mid-February as early as possible. For more detailed information, please visit ASROC website at <http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2013/en>.

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