Astronomical Society of the Republic of China 2015 Scientific Assembly (ASROC2015)

National Ilan University, I-Lan May 22 – 24, 2015

The 2015 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (ASROC2015) will be held at National Ilan University on May 22 (Friday) – 24 (Sunday), 2014. This is the 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, also to organize collaborations when desirable. Oral presentations and conference posters in all areas of astronomy and astrophysics are solicited. ASROC2015 is also an excellent venue 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) Dr. Timo Prusti of European Space Agency. Dr. Prusti is the project scientist of the GAIA mission and he is also the chair of the GAIA Science Team. In ESA he worked with the Infrared Space Observatory and Herschel before taking up the Gaia duties. His scientific interests are related to young stars especially in close-by clusters and with disks. 2) Dr. Joel Parker of Southwest Research Institute. Dr. Parker is the director of the Planetary Science Directorate of Southwest Research Institute. He is the Deputy PI and CoI on Rosetta mission (Alice instrument) and the Project Manager and CoI on New Horizons mission (Alice instrument). His research focuses on the minor bodies in the Solar system as well as stellar astrophysics. He was also involved in the Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope payload project on the Astro-2 Space Shuttle missions. They will talk about the new results of the GAIA mission and the discoveries of comet 67P from the Rosetta mission, respectively.

ASROC2015 website will be ready in late-January. Participants of the scientific assembly should submit their abstracts and register on-line. A registration fee of NT\$1,000 (NT\$800 for students) 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. For more details and updated information, please visit the ASROC website at http://www.asroc.org.tw/.

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