



Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium



Bangalore

Amateur Astronomy: Pro-Am Collaboration

Workshop on 17th February 2009

in association with the Astronomical Society of India

This is a session of the 27th meeting of the Astronomical Society of India (<http://www.iiap.res.in/asi2009/index.php>). This workshop aims at capturing the scope of amateur astronomy in India and exploring the pro-am collaboration. It is urged that like-minded professional and amateurs participate to make the program achieve fruitful results. The program has invited talks and plenty of scope for discussion and interaction.

If you would like to contribute a paper or poster please send the abstract by 15th January 2009

Tentative schedule

- 10:30 Welcome
- Inauguration
 - Collaborative programs
 - Amateur radio astronomy
 - Amateur astrophotography
 - Contributions of amateurs to research – a historical perspective
- 14:00 Afternoon session
- Coordinated programs – so far
 - Amateur programs in Observatories
 - Taking the night sky to common man
 - Future of amateur astronomy

Interested may register by sending the details of name, affiliation, (telescopes in possession, if any) by sending a mail to taralaya@vsnl.com with the subject as *Feb17th meet*

Registration fee Rs 100/-

For the registered participants of the ASI meeting - no registration fee.

Last date for Registration 15th January 2009

There is no provision for any support for travel or for arrangement for accommodation.

Messier Marathon

A number of amateurs have shown interest in a “*Messier Marathon*” throughout the night. Except M2 all other Messiers may be observed. Please indicate your interest in this program. It may be possible to organize a trip to Hosakote (28km) for a small group. The sky conditions are better at Hosakote than the city itself. The selection will be on first-come-first-served basis.