

Building relationships and research collaborations between professional and amateur astronomers



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Oil Region, NW Pennsylvania, USA



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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Diana Hannikainen

Sky & Telescope



Dr. Brian Kloppenborg

The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO)



Dr. Luisa Rebull

NASA/IPAC Infrared Science Archive (IRSA) at Caltech



Dr. Emma Cain Loudon

Astrophysicist and President of Slooh



Dr. Diane Turnshek

Department of Physics at Carnegie Mellon University and the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Pittsburgh



Joshua Haislip

Skynet Robotic Telescope Network University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Butch Phaneuf

Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club (CAAC)



Dr. Edita Stonkute

Vilnius University & Europlanet Society



Deborah Moran

Houston Astronomical Society & Softlight Houston



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Oil Region Astronomy Learning Center & Camp Coffman
Northwestern Pennsylvania, USA



ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The IAU-ORAS 2026 International Pro-Am Workshop is a joint initiative between the International Astronomical Union's Professional-Amateur Relations in Astronomy Working Group and the Oil Region Astronomical Society.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Professional astronomers
- Amateur astronomers
- Astronomy educators
- Learners of all ages interested in engaging in astronomy research collaborations.



PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Posters
- Lighting Talks
- Presentations
- Workshops



TRAVEL SUPPORT

We can provide onsite group lodging at Camp Coffman and meals during the Workshop for attendees. However, we do not anticipate funding will be available to support air travel, rental cars, etc. for individuals.



REGISTRATION



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Registration Type	Before Sep 1st	After Sep 1st
Onsite Basic Presentations, workshops, observing sessions, activities and meals (No Lodging)	\$175	\$250
Onsite All Inclusive Presentations, workshops, observing sessions, activities, meals and group lodging	\$350	\$450
Virtual Live and recorded presentations and workshop resources	\$30	\$50
Onsite Basic + ASTROBLAST Presentations, workshops, observing sessions, activities, meals and ASTROBLAST (No Lodging)	\$225	\$300
Onsite All Inclusive + ASTROBLAST Presentations, workshops, observing sessions, activities, meals, group lodging and ASTROBLAST	\$400	\$500

SCAN TO
REGISTER



GETTING HERE:

- Fly into Pittsburgh International Airport, Cleveland International Airport, or DuBois Regional Airport
- We are working to provide limited transportation from these airports to the site via bus or van
- You may also rent your own vehicle once you arrive at the airport and drive to the site



ASTROBLAST 2026 STAR PARTY

Will take place from October 6-11, 2026, at the same location, following the Pro-Am Workshop. Please consider attending the Pro-Am Workshop and staying for the Star Party!



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SPEAKER LINEUP

(Subject to Change)

Jose-Luis Salto-Gonzalez	Cal Maciarol mòdul 8 Observatory, Sociedad Malagueña de Astronomía (SMA)
Tim Robertson	Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (ALPO)
Exodus Chun-Long Sit	IAU NAEC & NOC China-Hong Kong
Fabian Schussler	Institute of Research into the Funda- mental Laws of the Universe / Alterna- tive Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, IRFU/CEA Paris-Saclay
Luisa Rebull	Infrared Processing and Analysis Center of California Institute of Technology (Caltech-IPAC)
Joshua Haislip	Skynet Global Observing Network
Damya Souami	CNRS, LIRA, Observatoire de Paris, France
Carlos Morales Socorro	AAEC Henrietta Swan Leavitt
Aldo Zanetti	Unione Astrofili Italiani
Marc Delcroix	French Astronomical Society (SAF)
Isa Mohammed	Caribbean Institute of Astronomy
Deborah Moran	www.softlighthouston.com and Houston Astronomical Society
Thierry Midavaine	French Astronomical Society (SAF)
Roxanne Kamin	International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA) and Second Light Observatory Services (SLOS)
Marco Parisi	La Sapienza University
Wayne "Butch" Phaneuf	Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club (CAAC)
Edita Stonkute	Vilnius University

Diane Turnshek	Carnegie Mellon University,
Vayujeet Gokhale	Truman State University
James Lowenthal	Smith College
Michelle Wooten	University of Alabama at Birmingham
John Barentine	IAU Centre for the Protection of the Dark and Quiet Sky
Diana Hannikainen	AAS/Sky & Telescope
Chris Karp	Chroma Technology Corp
Emma Cain Loudon	Slooh
Brian Kloppenborg	AAVSO
Karen Knierman, Ric Alling	Society of Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest, SCAAS
Dean Miskovich	ORAS
Olayinka Fagbemi	Nigerian Space Agency/ AWB Nigeria
Steven Gullberg	University of Oklahoma
Geetanjali Sethi	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi
Mohammad Javad Torabi	IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach – Iran
Mr. Ramdas	Raja Shankar Shah University, India
Albert Forson	University of Mauritius
Francis Bryan	Cape Centre, Astronomical Society of Southern Africa
Rohit Kumar	Ariel University
Abbas Mokhtarzadeh	IAU, CAAC, NASA SSA, ACEAP
Camilo Delgado-Correal	Francisco José de Caldas District University of Bogotá

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