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Editorial Notice

The WGSBN announces the publication of *Rules and Guidelines for Naming Non-Cometary Small Solar-System Bodies*. This document describes what is and what is not acceptable for names and citations submitted to the WG. It also describes the circumstances under which names are accepted. This is the first time that such detailed rules and guidelines have been published. The document is intended to be used by both discoverers and WG members, and will be updated as necessary in the future.

The document is available at the direct link:

<https://www.wgsbn-iau.org/documentation/NamesAndCitations.pdf>

and via the Documentation page. Links to earlier public versions of the document will be available in the future.

Errata

The following section corrects errors that have appeared in this publication (indicated as *Bull.*, with volume, issue and page number) or in names or citations published in the *Minor Planet Circulars*. Negative line numbers count from the bottom of the page (in the *Bulletin*) or from the bottom of the second column (*MPCs*).

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<i>MPC</i> 123450	29	<i>For</i> (b. 1943) <i>read</i> (b. 1941) [(26252) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 123450	-35	<i>For</i> (b. 1944) <i>read</i> (b. 1943) [(26693) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 123450	-28	<i>For</i> (b. 1962) <i>read</i> (b. 1960) [(26703) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 123450	-21	<i>For</i> (b. 1942) <i>read</i> (b. 1939) [(27032) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 123450	-14	<i>For</i> (b. 1943) <i>read</i> (b. 1941) [(27062) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 127257	16	<i>For</i> (b. 1955) <i>read</i> (b. 1953) [(26485) citation]
<i>MPC</i> 127257	23	<i>For</i> (b. 1963) <i>read</i> (b. 1962) [(26654) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #1, 14	- 3	<i>For</i> (b. 1934) <i>read</i> (b. 1932) [(26438) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 8	- 7	<i>For</i> (b. 1944) <i>read</i> (b. 1942) [(26587) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 9	3	<i>For</i> (b. 1943) <i>read</i> (b. 1941) [(26604) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 9	12	<i>For</i> (b. 1935) <i>read</i> (b. 1933) [(26683) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 9	18	<i>For</i> (b. 1942) <i>read</i> (b. 1940) [(26698) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 9	23	<i>For</i> (b. 1959) <i>read</i> (b. 1957) [(26702) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 10	3	<i>For</i> (b. 1945) <i>read</i> (b. 1942) [(27054) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 10	14	<i>For</i> Stanley Sykes <i>read</i> Godfrey Sykes [(28791) citation]
<i>Bull.</i> 1, #3, 10	24	<i>For</i> (b. 1946) <i>read</i> (b. 1945) [(28793) citation]

<i>Bull. 1, #3, 10</i>	29	<i>For (b. 1944) read (b. 1942) [(28794) citation]</i>
<i>Bull. 1, #5, 7</i>	3	<i>For (b. 1955) read (b. 1954) [(27061) citation]</i>

New Names of Minor Planets

The following new names of minor planets have been approved by the WGSBN. Discovery details, for information only, are given in the following order: date of discovery; discoverer(s) name(s); discovery site; discovery site observatory code. The discoverer(s) names(s) is/are followed by an asterisk if this is a change from what was published when the object was numbered.

(7177) Melvyntaylor = 1990 TF

Discovery: 1990-10-09 / R. H. McNaught / Siding Spring / 413

Melvyn Douglas Taylor (1947–2017) was one of the UK's most active amateur astronomers, bequeathing an immense catalogue of visual observations of variable stars, meteors and comets. He promoted amateur astronomy locally and nationally for several decades and was a mentor to many newcomers.

(9883) Veecas = 1994 TU₁

Discovery: 1994-10-08 / J. E. Rogers / Camarillo / 670

Named in honor of the Ventura County Astronomical Society (VCAS) on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. The discoverer was a founding member of VCAS and acknowledges the influence of other members with the development of ideas, tools and techniques, that would eventually lead to the establishment of Camarillo Observatory and its NEO follow-up program.

(10080) Macevans = 1990 OF₁

Discovery: 1990-07-18 / E. F. Helin / Palomar / 675

William MacDonald “Mac” Evans (b. 1942) was born in Sarnia, Canada. He completed his undergraduate studies at Queen’s University and earned a MSc in Electrical Engineering from the University of Birmingham. He was President of the Canadian Space Agency (1994–2001), won the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

(10081) Dantaylor = 1990 OW₁

Discovery: 1990-07-29 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

Daniel Taylor (b. 1958) is an amateur astronomer in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Dan served as president of the RASC Windsor Centre from 1991 to 1993 and has worked to develop standards in support of light pollution abatement at the national level in Canada as well as to implement those standards locally in Windsor.

(10082) Bronson = 1990 OF₂

Discovery: 1990-07-29 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

Ted Arthur Bronson (b. 1952) lived in Thunder Bay, Canada, and helped found the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Thunder Bay Centre in 1988. He served on the club executive of Thunder Bay Centre in every post, including president, and won a RASC Service Award in 2006. He presented outreach programs and traveled to six total solar eclipses.

(10083) Gordonanderson = 1990 QE₂

Discovery: 1990-08-22 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

Gordon “Jay” Anderson (b. 1947) is a former meteorologist and an eclipsophile. He investigates weather prospects for total solar eclipses, authored books on meteorology and astronomy, and served as Editor of the *Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* for 10 years. He chaired the host committee of three RASC General Assembly events.

(10084) Rossarker = 1990 QC₅

Discovery: 1990-08-25 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

Ross Parker (b. 1959) is a Canadian amateur astronomer and member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), Regina Centre. He is a historian and edited the book *100 Years of Astronomy in Regina*. Parker is credited with starting the annual Cypress Hills Star Party in 1989, which evolved into the Saskatchewan Summer Star Party.

(10085) Jekennedy = 1990 QF₅

Discovery: 1990-08-25 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

John Edward Kennedy (1916–1999) was a physicist who studied at Queen's University and McGill University. He worked with the University of New Brunswick, the Defence Research Medical Laboratory and the University of Saskatchewan. Meteor studies were among his research interests. He was a charter member of the Canadian Astronomical Society.

(10086) McCurdy = 1990 SZ

Discovery: 1990-09-16 / H. E. Holt / Palomar / 675

Bruce Jefferson McCurdy (b. 1955) is an amateur astronomer in Edmonton, Canada. He is an experienced observer and an accomplished communicator who won the RASC Service Award in 2007 for his contributions to outreach in the community and to the RASC's publications, as well as his leadership.

(10505) Johnnycash = 1988 BN₄

Discovery: 1988-01-22 / H. Debehogne / La Silla / 809

J. R. “Johnny” Cash (1932–2003), “The Man in Black,” was an iconic American country music artist. Many of his best-known works highlighted the struggles of everyday life and themes of social justice, and via his music he served as a voice for the downtrodden and less fortunate in modern society.

(17167) Olgarozanova = 1999 NB

*Discovery: 1999-07-04 / J. Tichá, M. Tichý * / Kleť / 046*

Olga Vladimirovna Rozanova (1886–1918) was a Russian painter, illustrator and designer, and a member of Malevich's group. As one of most creative female artists of Russian avant-garde, she transitioned from Neo-Primitivism through Futurism to abstract compositions of Suprematism. She died of diphtheria.

(30090) Grossano = 2000 EL₁₂₉

Discovery: 2000-03-11 / LONEOS / Anderson Mesa / 699

Geoffrey Louis Rossano (1949–2021) was a distinguished American historian and polymath with eclectic talents and wide-ranging historical interests. The author of six prize-winning books and many articles, he was a brilliant teacher at Salisbury School who transformed reluctant teenaged boys into historians.

(38024) Melospadafora = 1998 OB

Discovery: 1998-07-16 / ODAS / Caussols / 910

Melo Spadafora (b. 1962) is a Panamanian amateur astronomer who is an active member of the Asociación Panameña de Aficionados a la Astronomía. He has been essential in the setup of the Observatorio Panameño en San Pedro de Atacama, which has helped in confirming newly-discovered asteroids and comets.

(78386) Deuzelur = 2002 PF₁₅₅

Discovery: 2002-08-08 / S. F. Hönlig / Palomar / 644

The Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR) was formed in 1969 as the center for aerospace in Germany and has since become the national space centre. Key involvements in planetary missions include the cometary mission Rosetta to 67P and minor planet mission Dawn to (4) Vesta and (1) Ceres.

(90837) Raoulvalentini = 1995 WT₄

Discovery: 1995-11-18 / Osservatorio San Vittore / Bologna / 552

Raoul Valentini (1908–1999) was an accountant and one of the founders of the Circolo Astrofili Milano. He was a variable star observer, a bookbinder, a sundial maker and a lecturer at the Milan Planetarium (1949–1996). Valentini was a member of the Italian Astronomical Society from 1951 and was its secretary from 1971.

(112492) Annacipriani = 2002 PA₆

*Discovery: 2002-08-02 / F. Bernardi * / Campo Imperatore / 599*

Anna Cipriani (b. 1973) is an assistant professor of Geochemistry & Environmental Geochemistry at the Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia. She works and teaches with passion and generosity. “There are always possibilities” is her motto.

(161230) Martinbacháček = 2002 XO₉₀

*Discovery: 2002-12-13 / KLENOT * / Klet' / 246*

Martin Bacháček z Nauměřic (c. 1539–1612) was a Czech mathematician, astronomer and organizer of the education system. From 1603 to 1612 he served as the Rector of Charles University. He was a friend, collaborator and supporter of Johannes Kepler during the latter's time in Prague. Together they observed sunspots and the 1604 supernova.

(225033) Maskoliunas = 2007 FM₃₅

*Discovery: 2007-03-23 / K. Černis, J. Zdanavičius * / Moletai / 152*

Marius Maskoliunas (b. 1972) is a Lithuanian astronomer, known for his work on stellar photometry, galactic structure and gravitational microlensing. Together with K. Černis he discovered a few asteroids in 2009–2010. He is the author of more than 50 scientific papers and popular science articles.

(234292) Wolfganghansch = 2000 YL₈

Discovery: 2000-12-16 / T. Pauwels / Uccle / 012

Wolfgang Hansch (b. 1954) is the founder and managing director of experimenta in Heilbronn, Germany. Founded in 2007, experimenta is Germany's largest science center. Hansch is an author, editor and lecturer, and has published numerous publications on geological and popular sciences.

(270725) Evka = 2002 QL₁₂₂

Discovery: 2002-08-20 / NEAT / Palomar / 644

Eva “Evka” Morvayová (b. 1979) is an amateur astronomer and avid visual observer, who loves the connection between science and fantasy in sci-fi stories. She is a member of the Astronomy Club Nové Zámky, Slovakia.

(315579) Vandersyppe = 2008 CH₇₄

Discovery: 2008-02-10 / P. De Cat / Uccle / 012

Anne Vandersyppe (1958–2019) was a member of the Solar Physics and Space Weather department of the Royal Observatory of Belgium. She was a talented management assistant and event organizer. She wasn't a scientist, but the amount of science that happened thanks to her efforts is incalculable.

(345762) Jacquescoeur = 2007 EA₈₈

Discovery: 2007-03-13 / B. Christophe / Saint-Sulpice / 947

Jacques Coeur (c. 1395–1456), was a French merchant, and one of the founders of trade between France and the Levant.

(363706) Karazija = 2004 TW₃₄₅

*Discovery: 2004-10-14 / K. Černis, J. Zdanavičius * / Moletai / 152*

Romualdas Karazija (b. 1942) is a well-known Lithuanian theoretical physicist. An expert in theory of atomic and Auger spectroscopy, he has authored some 120 scientific publications, including seven monographs. He is also a prominent science popularizer and the author of more than 20 popular science books.

(374715) Dimpourbaix = 2006 SH₂₀

Discovery: 2006-09-19 / T. Pauwels / Uccle / 012

Dimitri Pourbaix (1969–2021) was a Belgian astronomer and a noted specialist in multiple-star studies and an expert in space astrometry. He led the Belgian participation in Gaia, had a leading role in the Gaia data reduction, and actively promoted astronomy to the public. His motto was “Don't worry, be happy and carpe diem”.

(464745) Péterrózsa = 2003 RQ₇

*Discovery: 2003-09-05 / K. Sárneczky, B. Sipőcz * / Piskésetető / 461*

Rózsa Péter (1905–1977) was a Hungarian mathematician, high school teacher, science communicator, full professor of the Eötvös Loránd University, and corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. She is best known as the “founding mother” of recursion theory.

(475080) Jarry = 2005 UR₁₅₇

Discovery: 2005-10-26 / J.-C. Merlin / Nogales / 926

Alfred Jarry (1873–1907) was a French poet, novelist, writer and playwright. His play *Ubu Roi* is often cited as a forerunner of Dada and the Surrealist movement of the 1920s. He also coined the term and philosophical concept of “pataphysics”, the science of imaginary solutions, which involves the destruction by the absurd of reason and language.

(535353) Antoniwilk = 2015 AP₆₈

Discovery: 2007-04-11 / CSS / Catalina / 703

Antoni Wilk (1876–1940) was a Polish astronomer and educator. He discovered four comets between 1925 and 1937, and he received the comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, as well as the Polish Order of Polonia Restituta, for his discoveries. He was imprisoned in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in 1939.

(555955) Lurçat = 2014 HB₇₀

Discovery: 2005-11-20 / J.-C. Merlin / Nogales / 926

Jean Lurçat (1892–1966) was a French painter, ceramist and designer of tapestry. The creation of his major work “Le Chant du monde”, now housed in the old medieval Saint-Jean hospital in Angers (Maine-et-Loire department, France), was inspired by the vision of the Apocalypse Tapestry created in the 14th century.

(594032) Reyhersamuel = 2016 EF₂₀₁

Discovery: 2004-08-23 / S. F. Hönig, W. J. Duschl / La Silla / 809

Samuel Reyher (1635–1714) was a German mathematician and astronomer. After becoming a professor at the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel, he was the first to establish astronomy as a serious scientific discipline at his new institution, with an interest in the motions of planets.

(596996) Suhantzong = 2006 QQ₅₈

*Discovery: 2006-08-27 / H.-C. Lin, Q.-z. Ye * / Lulin / D35*

Han-Tzong Su (b. 1956) works in the Department of Physics, National Cheng Kung University. He has been translating the Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD) into Chinese for more than 20 years. In 2016, he received an award for his outstanding contribution to astronomy education and the popularization of astronomy.

(601916) Sting = 2013 WJ₉₈

*Discovery: 2013-11-28 / M. Kusiak, M. Żołnowski * / Tincana / D03*

Gordon M. Sumner (b. 1951), known professionally as “Sting”, is a British music composer and singer. In the 1970s and 1980s he was a co-founder and a member of The Police. He has been nominated for four Academy Awards and has won a Golden Globe, as well as Emmy, Brit and Grammy awards.

(606339) Kierpiec = 2017 UY₁₃

*Discovery: 2014-10-24 / M. Kusiak, M. Żołnowski * / Tincana / D03*

Grzegorz Kierpiec (b. 1980) is a school teacher and Catholic priest. His passion for long-distance cycling inspired other people to join him in the “Spin up Your Faith” bicycle expeditions to many countries in Europe, Africa and Asia in the past 11 years.

(606701) Golda = 2018 SA₁₆

*Discovery: 2013-08-31 / M. Kusiak, M. Żołnowski * / Tincana / D03*

Zdzisław A. Golda (b. 1953) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Relativistic Astrophysics and Cosmology at the Astronomical Observatory of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. His scientific activities include computer algebra systems with applications to astrophysics and cosmology, and dynamical systems in cosmology.

Recent Comet Namings & Numberings

Recently-assigned comet names and numbering of periodic comets are listed below. The recently-assigned names list indicates, using an asterisk, any comet whose discovery is eligible for the Edgar Wilson Award, as well as the reference where the name first appears (this may not be the circular announcing the discovery, particularly for those objects announced initially as A/ objects). If a name contain accented characters, the approved ASCII-only version of the name is included between [...]: note that any print, PDF or web usage must use the proper accented form. Newly-numbered objects that are being accorded dual status are flagged as such.

Recent Namings

P/2021 V3 = P/2011 UE ₂₁₅ (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-V173</i>
P/2021 V2 (Fuls)		<i>MPEC 2021-V169</i>
C/2021 V1 (Rankin)		<i>MPEC 2021-V167</i>
C/2021 U5 (Catalina)		<i>MPEC 2021-V199</i>
C/2021 U4 (Leonard)		<i>MPEC 2021-V22</i>
P/2021 U3 (Attard-Maury)	*	<i>MPEC 2021-V21</i>
C/2021 T4 (Lemmon)		<i>MPEC 2021-U187</i>
P/2021 U1 (Wierzos)		<i>MPEC 2021-U43</i>
P/2021 T3 = P/2015 K6 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-T184</i>
C/2021 T2 (Fuls)		<i>MPEC 2021-T169</i>
C/2021 T1 (Lemmon)		<i>MPEC 2021-T168</i>
C/2021 S4 (Tsuchinshan)		<i>MPEC 2021-T167</i>
C/2021 S3 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-T166</i>
C/2021 S1 (ATLAS)		<i>MPEC 2021-T21</i>
P/2021 R8 (Sheppard)		<i>MPEC 2021-X149</i>
C/2021 R7 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-T162</i>
C/2021 R6 (Gröller)	[Groeller]	<i>MPEC 2021-S113</i>
P/2021 R5 (Rankin)		<i>MPEC 2021-R257</i>
P/2021 R4 (Wierzos)		<i>MPEC 2021-R256</i>
P/2021 R3 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-R255</i>
C/2021 R2 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-R151</i>
P/2021 R1 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-R150</i>
C/2021 Q6 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-R167</i>
P/2021 Q5 (ATLAS)		<i>MPEC 2021-R98</i>
C/2021 Q4 (Fuls)		<i>MPEC 2021-Q102</i>
C/2021 Q3 (ATLAS)		<i>MPEC 2021-Q97</i>
C/2021 P4 (ATLAS)		<i>MPEC 2021-Q42</i>
C/2021 P3 (PANSTARRS)		<i>MPEC 2021-Q29</i>

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C/2021 P2 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-Q28
C/2021 P1 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-Q02
C/2021 O3 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-P05
C/2021 O1 (Nishimura)	*	MPEC 2021-O47
C/2021 N3 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-O39
C/2021 N2 (Fuls)		MPEC 2021-N137
C/2021 N1 (ZTF)		MPEC 2021-N115
C/2021 L4 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-M77
C/2021 K3 (Catalina)		MPEC 2021-M87
P/2021 HS (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-S44
C/2021 G3 (PANSTARRS)		MPEC 2021-M86
C/2021 G2 (ATLAS)		MPEC 2021-T206
C/2014 UN ₂₇₁ (Bernardinelli-Bernstein)		MPEC 2021-M83

Recent Numberings

436P/2007 R4 = 2021 U2 (Garradd)		MPC 135244
435P/2021 T3 = 2015 K6 (PANSTARRS)		MPC 135244
434P/2012 TK8 = 2021 S2 (Tenagra)		MPC 135244
433P = (248370)	<i>Dual status</i>	MPC 133899
432P/2021 N4 = P/2016 U2 (PANSTARRS)		MPC 133899
431P/2015 Q1 = P/2021 P5 (Scotti)		MPC 133899
430P/2011 A2 = P/2021 Q2 (Scotti)		MPC 133899
429P/2008 QP ₂₀ = P/2021 M1 (LINEAR-Hill)		MPC 133899
428P/2014 W12 = P/2021 Q1 (Gibbs)		MPC 133899
427P/2017 S5 = P/2021 L6 (ATLAS)		MPC 133899
426P/2019 A7 = P/2021 K4 (PANSTARRS)		MPC 133899
425P/2005 W3 = P/2021 O2 (Kowalski)		MPC 132232
424P/2012 S2 = P/2021 L5 (La Sagra)		MPC 132232
423P/2008 CL ₉₄ = P/2021 A12 (Lemmon)		MPC 132232
422P/2006 S4 = P/2021 L1 (Christensen)		MPC 132232
421P/2009 U4 = P/2020 H10 (McNaught)		MPC 130596
420P/2009 Q1 = P/2021 E1 (Hill)		MPC 128966
419P/2015 F1 = P/2021 A11 (PANSTARRS)		MPC 128966
418P/2010 A5 = P/2020 Y5 (LINEAR)		MPC 127300
417P/2015 J3 = P/2021 B1 (NEOWISE)		MPC 127300
416P/2013 A2 = P/2021 A8 (Scotti)		MPC 127300
415P/2013 EW ₉₀ = P/2020 Y4 (Tenagra)		MPC 127300
414P/2016 J3 = P/2021 A3 (STEREO)		MPC 127300
413P/2014 E1 = P/2020 W4 (Larson)		MPC 127300
412P/2010 B2 = P/2020 Y1 (WISE)		MPC 127300
411P/2007 B1 = P/2020 W3 (Christensen)		MPC 127300

Standard Acronyms & Abbreviations

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the standard acronyms that may be used in citations without needing to be expanded.

AAVSO	American Association of Variable Star Observers
CFHT	Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope
ESO	European Southern Observatory
IAU	International Astronomical Union
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
MPC	Minor Planet Center
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NTT	New Technology Telescope
RASC	Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
SwRI	Southwest Research Institute
USNO	U.S. Naval Observatory

Statistics & Links

There are currently 22977 named minor planets.

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