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Greetings fellow Astronomy and Space Enthusiasts,

Thank you to those who participated in the ASX 2008-2009 Elections on April 3, 2008. Congratulations to those who were elected, and for a second year ASX has Co-Presidents elected via equal votes. The following positions have been filled: President, Vice-President, Finance Director, Symposium Director, Projects Director, and Marketing Director. There are still some open positions, so if you were unable to attend the last meeting or are interested please see below (AGM + Elections section) for how you can still get involved.

In this newsletter we have also included upcoming Astronomy events in the GTA, so make sure you check them out!

Clear Skies,

ASX

I. ASX Annual General Meeting (AGM) + Bi-Elections

DATE & TIME: Thursday, May 8, 2008, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: University of Toronto, St. George Campus, 40 St. George St. Bahen Centre for Information Technology, Room 2195 (BA 2195)

AGENDA:

- 1) Annual General Meeting Presentations (approx. 40 minutes total):
 - a. Executive Summary – overview of ASX's major accomplishments and initiatives during the 2007-2008 academic year
 - b. Symposium Highlights – final report and summary of the January 2008 Symposium
 - c. Marketing & Communications Highlights – overview of marketing and promotional plans and results
 - d. Financial Summary – overview of finances including breakdown of sponsorship and costs
- 2) Bi-Elections/Call for Volunteers
Anyone who is interested in an open ASX exec or volunteer position can have their questions answered and express their area of interest. They can present themselves for the open positions after which we will have a vote.
Please see below for the list of open positions and their descriptions.
- 3) Discuss ideas and events for the new academic year

The following ASX positions are still open for the 2008-2009 academic year:

Executive Positions:

- Secretary
 - Responsible for ASX's record keeping, including meeting minutes, agreements, and contact lists
 - Book rooms for events and meeting, including A/V and other setup as needed
 - Liaise with Student Affairs (SA) and the Sussex Club House
- Observing Director
 - Liaise with U of T's Department of Astronomy and other organizations in the GTA to promote their observing events to ASX members
 - Organize ASX's own observing events (e.g at U of T campus, field trips to observatories, stargazing or meteor shower watching)
- Communications Director
 - Oversee the ASX website (<http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/>) and work with the ASX Webmaster to update/maintain/renovate it
 - Manage ASX emails (space.society@utoronto.ca) and membership database
 - Write email newsletters/updates to ASX members about upcoming events

Other Positions:

- Poster Designer
- Webmaster
- ASX radio show co-host
- Department/Faculty Liaison
- High School Liaison
- Event Volunteer - Symposium, FoS, Observing

If you are interested in a position please send an email to space.society@utoronto.ca with subject line "Election 2008: <Name of the position you are interested in>".

Please send your request no later than **May 6, 2008**.



Wanna find out what they have in common?

START HERE: Join the Exec.
Submit your nomination to space.society@utoronto.ca

Elections 2008-2009

For more info, visit: asx.sa.utoronto.ca

II. Upcoming Astronomy and Space Events

Apr 29 – May 1, 2008

CASI ASTRO 08 Conference

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Montreal

More info:

<http://www.casi.ca/astro2008conf.aspx>



MAY 1, 2008

Toronto Space Day

Location: Toronto Aerospace Museum

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

More info: <http://www.css.ca/>

May 3, 2008

Solar Observing

Location: Ontario Science Centre

Time: 10 AM – 12 PM (weather permitting)

More info:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/calendar/>

May 5 – 10, 2008

Celebrate International Astronomy Week

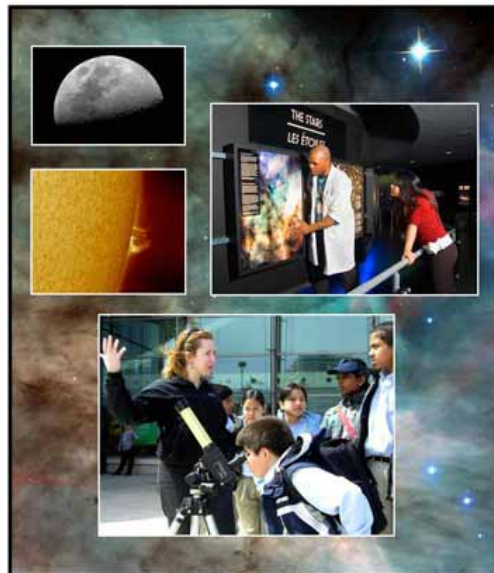
Location: Ontario Science Centre

Programs and Exhibitions include:

- Planetarium Shows
- Solar Observing
- Comet Making
- CONTACT Astrophotography Exhibition
- Space Hall

More info:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/calendar/default.asp?eventid=760&ddmmyyyy=01052008>



May 10, 2008

Free Lecture and Star Party

Location: Ontario Science Centre

Time: 8:30 – 11 PM

More info:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/calendar/default.asp?eventid=762&ddmmyyyy=01052008>

May 10, 2008

Astronomy Day Public Tour

Location: U of T Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics

Time: 1 – 10 PM

More info: http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/%7Egasa/public_talk/iWeb/Welcome.html

If you have not received this e-newsletter directly, and would like to hear about future ASX news and events, please email space.society@utoronto.ca with subject line "Newsletter Signup".

For national space events, refer to CSS discussion lists at <http://www.css.ca/discussionlists/>.

We also invite you to join our Facebook groups:

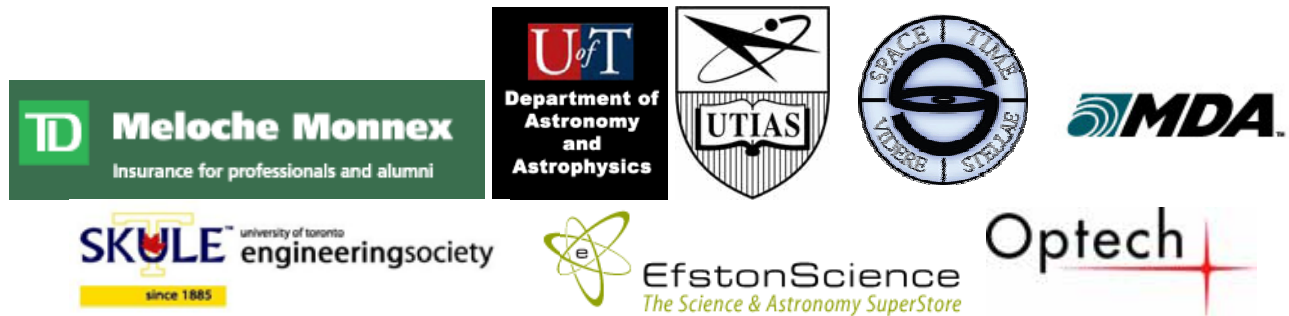
ASX: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2226718345>

CSS: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=12706081197>

III. ASX Sponsorship

The Astronomy and Space Exploration Society (ASX) would like to thank all of its sponsors and partners. Their support has made it possible for ASX to offer and organize many and multi-disciplinary events to educate and inspire students and the public about astronomy and space exploration. The majority of ASX events are FREE for students, and many are also FREE for the public, or otherwise at a nominal charge.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their donation and support during the 2007-2008 academic year: [TD Meloche Monnex](#), [University of Toronto's Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics](#), [University of Toronto Engineering Society](#), [University of Toronto Engineering Alumni](#), [MDA Corporation](#), [Optech Inc.](#), [UTIAS](#), [University of Toronto's Trinity College](#), [EfstonScience Superstore](#), and Spacetime Star Theatre.



It is via the support of our **sponsors** and **partners** that ASX has been able to rapidly grow to **over 1400 members** since its inception in 2003, and organize and host **over 20 events**, attracting 1500-2000 event attendees per year. These events include the annual Symposium, "Faces of Space" Lecture Series, Panel Discussions, Space Exploration Showcase, and Observing Nights. ASX has featured **prominent speakers** such as Dr. Bob Richards (Founder and CEO, Odyssey Moon), Dr. Robert Zubrin (President, Mars Society), Chris Hadfield (Canadian Astronaut), Prof. Jayme Matthews (Principle Investigator for MOST), and Prof, Mike Brown (the discoverer of "the tenth planet"),

ASX is continuously seeking support from sponsors, new partnerships and collaborations, and distinguished speakers, in order to continue offering educational and inspiring events related to astronomy and space exploration.

For details about ASX, sponsorship benefits, and how to make donations please see the 'Sponsors' page on our website: <http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/sponsors.php>. The **Sponsorship Package** and **Examples of Publicity** are also available on that page. Please note that in addition donation cheques, we now offer payment through **Paypal** – simply login to your account and send money to space.society@utoronto.ca.

For those who are interested in sponsoring ASX or making donations for the 2008-2009 academic year, we thank you in advance and very much appreciate your support.