



Invitation to the Society for Astronomical Sciences 2018 Symposium and ALPO 2018 Conference

The SAS Program Committee invites you to participate in the Society for Astronomical Sciences' 37th Annual Symposium. The Symposium is the premier annual conference devoted to small-telescope astronomical research. This year will be a joint meeting with the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (ALPO).

The Symposium brings together amateur astronomers who are engaged in scientific research, professional astronomers, educators and students, for in-depth discussions of topics related to small-telescope research. It is an excellent venue for presenting recent results, discussing targets of observational campaigns, describing instrumentation and data reduction/analysis methods, developing collaborations, and bringing together the community of practice to share expertise and experience. Almost any topic related to astronomical research using modest telescopes is of interest to SAS. You need not be an expert to benefit from participating in the Symposium: one goal of SAS is to provide a mentoring environment where you will learn how you can contribute to astronomical science.

Date & Location: The 2018 SAS Symposium will be held on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, **June 14-15-16, 2018** at the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario CA.

Workshops: Educational workshops are being planned for Thursday (June 14). Details will be on the SAS website soon (www.SocAstroSci.org).

Technical Presentations: Friday and Saturday (June 15-16) will be the Technical Sessions, including both presentations and poster papers. Presentations and Posters will span the wide range of topics of interest to the small-telescope research community: solar-system objects, variable-stars, and binary stars; instrumentation for photometry, astrometry and spectroscopy; and related subjects.

You can read the Proceedings from recent SAS Symposia, and view videos of many recent Presentations, on the SAS website (www.SocAstroSci.org).

Sponsors: SAS Sponsors – developers, suppliers, and retailers of astronomical equipment – will be on hand with displays of their featured products.

Registration information for SAS 2018 will be on the SAS website (www.SocAstroSci.org) beginning February 20, 2018.