

ALPO 2022 Online Conference Set for July 22 and 23

Overview

Due to the continuing concern about after-effects of the nearly worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, the 2022 Conference of the ALPO will be held online Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23.

The ALPO conference times will be:

- Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific Time)
- Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific Time).

The ALPO Conference is free and open to all interested individuals via two different streaming methods:

- The free online conferencing software application “Zoom”.
- On the ALPO YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEmixiL-d5k2Fx27ljfk41As>

Those who plan to present astronomy papers or presentations must:

1. Already be members of the ALPO.
2. Use Zoom for their presentation.
3. Have Zoom already installed on their computer prior to the conference dates. Zoom is free and available at <https://zoom.us/>

Those who have not yet joined the ALPO may do so online. Digital ALPO memberships start at only \$18 a year. To join online, go to http://www.astroleague.org/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=10&products_id=39, then scroll to the bottom of that page, select your membership type, click on “Add to Cart” and proceed from there.

There will be different Zoom meeting hyperlinks to access the conference each of the two days of the conference. Both links will be posted on social media and e-mailed to those who wish to receive it that way on Thursday, July 22. The Zoom virtual (online) “meeting room” will open 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each day’s activities.

Those individuals wishing to attend via Zoom should contact Tim Robertson at cometman@cometman.net as soon as possible.

Conference Agenda

The conference will begin with initial welcoming remarks and general announcements at the beginning each day, followed by papers and research findings on astronomy-related topics presented by ALPO members.

Following a break after the last astronomy talk on Saturday will be presentations of the Walter Haas Observing Award and the Peggy Haas Service Award.

A keynote speaker will then follow the awards presentations on Saturday. The selection of a keynote speaker is in progress and the final decision will be announced on the ALPO website and in the summer issue of the Journal of the ALPO (JALPO64-3).

Presentation Guidelines

All presentations should be no more than 15 minutes in length, with 12 minutes for the presentation itself plus 3 minutes for follow-up questions. The preferred format is Microsoft PowerPoint.

Send all PowerPoint files of the presentations to Tim Robertson at cometman@cometman.net

Suggested Topics

Participants are encouraged to present research papers and experience reports concerning various aspects of Earth-based observational astronomy including the following:

- New or ongoing observing programs and studies, specifically, how those programs were designed, implemented and continue to function.
- Results of personal or group studies of solar system or extra-solar system bodies.
- New or ongoing activities involving astronomical instrumentation, construction or improvement.
- Challenges faced by Earth-based observers such as changing interest levels, deteriorating observing conditions brought about by possible global warming, etc.

Information about paper presentations, the keynote speaker and other conference data will be published on the ALPO web site and in the Journal of the ALPO as details are learned.