INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY 2009 needs you!

THE UNIVERSE, YOURS TO DISCOVER
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Isle educators prepare for the International Year of Astronomy

2009 celebration to honor 400 years of seeking answers in the sky

Forty-one educators from across the Big Island attended the recent International Year of Astronomy Teacher’s Workshop, the first such program to be held in Hawaii.

The workshop was part of the worldwide celebration leading up to the 2009 International Year of Astronomy, honoring 400 years of the telescope’s advancement of astronomy.

The workshop was sponsored by Gemini Observatory, TMT (Thirty Meter Telescope), Big Island Toyota and the NELHA (Natural Energy Lab) at Keahole, which hosted the contingent. For more information harvey at harvey@gemini.edu. “The Universe, Yours to Discover,” is the theme officials...
Help organise star parties or open doors, particularly during 100 Hours of Astronomy.
Give talks to local astronomy clubs, science centres, schools, planetariums, cultural centres and astrocafés.
A busy week in Portugal...

posted by Joana Ascenso in astronomy, science communication & stars

I’ve had quite a week where I work, in the Centro de Astrofísica de Universidade do Porto, Portugal. We’ve been carrying out some interesting research about stellar nurseries which has made me very happy because it’s my specialist subject! So after many sleepless nights working hard, I’ve decided it’s time to sit down and let you all in on what’s been happening.

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Some tourist tips for adventurous travellers

posted by Brother Guy Consolmagno in tourism & observatories

My colleagues and I work very hard here at the Vatican Observatory, but we try to take some time out to relax when we can. There’s so much to see and do in the area, I thought it would be a good idea to write a little bit about the tourist highlights, so if you ever decide to visit you’ll be able to make the most of your daddy information. So the first place on our list...

The Sun is shining, hooray!

posted by Saskia Hekker in astronomy, the sun & science communication

The weather’s been so beautiful here in Belgium lately, I’ve decided to write this blog in the park near the observatory where I work. The bright Sun makes it difficult to see my laptop screen, but it means we can get some brilliant views of the sun, planets and stars. I have to be careful of my eyes and make sure they’re not too close to the sun, especially if I’m using glasses.
Encourage work experience for high school and undergrad students in your institution.
How managers can contribute to IYA2009

- Encourage work experience placements for science students.
- Encourage “artists in residence” programme in the organisations or institutions.

Laurie Anderson - NASA’s first Artist In Residence
Michel Gondry – MIT’s Artist In Residence

Encourage “artists in residence” programme in the organisations or institutions.
Host exhibitions of astronomical images produced by your institution or From Earth to the Universe or The World at Night.
Liaise with partner organisations, share resources and mount joint events.
Our dream is to see every astronomer in the world involved in the International Year of Astronomy 2009.