



Closing Ceremony International Year of Astronomy 9-10 January 2010, Padova - Italy

Program

Saturday, January 9th

10:00 - 13:30 **Registration**

Session I - Welcome and Overview of IYA2009

14:00 - 15:00 Welcome addresses:

Giuseppe Zaccaria *Università di Padova*, Rector;
Flavio Zanonato, Padova Mayor;
Walter Erdelen, UNESCO Assistant Director General;
Robert Williams, IAU President;
Tommaso Maccaro, INAF President;
A Contribution from Italian University & Research Department

15:00 - 15:30 Catherine Cesarsky: "Overview of IYA 2009"

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

Session II - IYA2009 in the World

16:00 - 16:20 Pedro Russo: "Coordinating IYA 2009 »

16:20 - 16:40 Lars Christensen: "What Worked Best in IYA2009"

16:40 - 18:10 Six 15-minute talks by SPOCs:

Claudio Moises Paulo (Mozambique); Ayman El Sayed (Egypt); Maria Cristina Pineda (Honduras); Nguyen Quynh Lan (Viet Nam); Irina Vavilova (Ukraine); Ranjeev Misra (India)

18:10 - 18:20 Reynald Sez nec (Thales Alenia Space): "Unlocking the secrets of the Universe"

18:30 - 21:00 Cocktail

21:00 - 22:30 Concert of "Civica Orchestra di Fiati di Padova"



Sunday, January 10th

Session III - Legacy of Galileo

- 09:00 - 09:30 Francesco Palla: "Stars and Planets of Galileo"
09:30 - 10:00 Enrico Bellone: "Galileo and the Development of Scientific Thought"
10:00 - 10:30 George Coyne: "Galileo & the Church: Lessons Learned"
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Session IV - Science & Society

- 11:00 - 11:30 Giorgio Novello (Diplomatic Adviser, Ministry of Economic Development):
"Astrophysics: an asset for economic growth"
11:30 - 12:00 Norio Kaifu: "Impact of Astronomy and IYA on Asian Society"
12:00 - 12:30 George Miley: "Importance of Science Education to Society"
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

Session V - Astronomy After the IYA

- 14:00 - 14:30 Isabelle Grenier: "Astronomy at all Wavelengths"
14:30 - 15:00 Roberto Gilmozzi: "Large Ground-based Optical Telescopes"
15:00 - 15:30 Ron Ekers: "Large Radio Astronomy Projects"
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:30 Antonella Nota: "Future of Space Astronomy"
16:30 - 17:00 Robert Williams: "The IAU & Astronomy After the IYA"
17:00 - 17:10 Closure of the IYA2009