



## Mark Your Calendars!

### SAS-2022 Symposium = June 2-3-4 (Thur-Fri-Sat)

Remember what it was like to meet people in-person at a conference, chat in the hallway, and discuss projects and life in the bar?

Yes! We will be having an in-person SAS-2022 Symposium, on June 2-3-4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Ontario, California. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new enthusiasts of small-telescope astronomical research in *real-life*, after two years of “online-only” sessions. For those who cannot participate in person, we will also have an on-line option, that will include as much interactivity as practical.

The purpose of the Symposium is to emphasize small-telescope research and amateur-professional collaboration. It will include many papers related to variable stars, asteroids, exoplanets, supernova, and related topics; with amateurs and professionals discussing the use of CCD cameras, software, hardware, and the latest techniques in data acquisition and analysis. If you want to see how small telescope research is contributing to astronomical science, learn more about photometry, astrometry, spectroscopy, CCD imaging, and the newest hardware and software techniques, you will want to be part of this conference!

Thursday will feature two Workshops:

In the morning, a panel of astronomers will describe “**Projects that we wish someone would do ...**”. You’ll learn the science case for each project, the observational requirements, and discuss your questions about the project.

In the afternoon, the topic will be “**Photometry with the new imaging**

**systems**”, at a level that will be amenable to relative newcomers, and useful for experienced photometrists.

Friday and Saturday will feature the Technical Paper sessions and lunchtime forums on small-telescope photometry (Friday) and spectroscopy (Saturday).

We will have a “Welcome reception” with hors-d’oeuvres on Thursday evening and a “Closing Reception” on Saturday evening.

Registration is now open. For the in-person Symposium, register at

<https://socaastrosci.app.neon-crm.com/event.jsp?event=49&>

To be an on-line participant, register at

<https://socaastrosci.app.neon-crm.com/event.jsp?event=54&>

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Call for Abstracts for SAS-2022

Papers for presentation at the SAS-2022 Symposium are solicited on all aspects of astronomical science that are (or can be) pursued by observations with small telescopes (less than 1-meter aperture). We encourage presentation of work which follows the Scientific Method, including clear hypotheses, reproducible experiments, and results. Examples of work presented at previous Symposia include:

- Observations, data, and analysis of variable stars, eclipsing binary stars, double stars and stellar systems

- Observations, data, and analysis of asteroids and other solar system objects; and exoplanets

- Progress, status, and planning for upcoming observing campaigns such as the TESS follow-up initiative.

- Instrumentation/hardware and techniques (including software) for photometry, astrometry, spectroscopy, polarimetry, and fast-cadence observations (e.g. occultations)

- Investigations of atmospheric effects, light-propagation and scattering, light pollution monitoring as they affect astronomical observations.

We welcome three types of papers: “Paper with Presentation” includes both a written paper for the Proceedings and a 20-minute presentation; “Paper without Presentation” is a written paper for the Proceedings; and “Posters”. We will include time in the agenda for 5-minute “sparkler talks” for the Posters.

Presentations may be made in person or on-line, but the review process will give preference to in-person presentations.

All abstract submissions will be reviewed by a panel of experienced amateurs and professionals who will provide helpful feedback to authors and decide which submissions to schedule as part of the symposium as either presentations or posters.

Submit your abstracts via e-mail to: [Program@SocAstroSci.org](mailto:Program@SocAstroSci.org).

**Abstracts are due by March 20, 2022.** You will be informed of acceptance by March 27.

Final papers for the Proceedings will be due by April 20, 2020.

