

The Eighth Workshop of Whole Earth Telescope

First Announcement

We are very pleased to announce the 8th Whole Earth Telescope (WET) Workshop to be held March 4-8 2013 in Beijing China. Dr. Gerard Vauclair, one of the original members of the WET Council of the Wise, is celebrating his 70th birthday in February 2013. This workshop will pay tribute to his great contribution to the study of pulsating white dwarf stars and WET in his scientific career.

The preliminary programme is a five day workshop. Talks and posters will be presented March 4th-5th. March 7th and 8th will honor the spirit of the very first WET workshops. We have chosen the pulsating white dwarf G29-38 as a target of a focused discussion. This white dwarf has an extensive range of both spectroscopic and photometric observations. G29-38, as a pulsator with a debris disk, is an important focus for a wide range of topics. Our discussion will address questions that can be answered only with an complete examination of such a comprehensive dataset. Participants are invited to submit talks or posters related to white dwarf pulsation, observation, and analysis. We will, however, consider contributions from all areas of white dwarf research. Wednesday, March 6th will be reserved for an excursion to the Great Wall and Xinglong Observatory.

Conference fees will be 200 euros (students 150 euros). Conference fees will cover meals for the 4 meeting days as well as the meeting Banquet. Registration deadline is December 31, 2012 . Further details concerning the registration process will be made available in the coming months at Registration.

Accommodations and Venue

Both the conference and guest rooms will be located at Jingshi Hotel, located on the Beijing Normal University campus.

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Excursion

On Wednesday, March 6 we will travel to Xinglong station of National Astronomical Observatories of China. It takes around 2.5 hours to drive from Beijing to Xinglong station. On the way, we will visit the The Great Wall of China. This promises to be exciting and off the beaten tourist track. On arrival at Xinglong, we will visit the 2.16-m telescope which has been used for WET campaigns for years, as well as the LAMOST telescope which has been used to observe more than ten thousands of stars in the field of the Kepler mission spectroscopically for the Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium (KASC).

The excursion fee is 100 euros (students 50 euros), and will include including bus transportation, entrance to the great wall, cable car transportation, guiding, lunch, and dinner on Wednesday.

Website

<http://202.112.85.102/wet/>