

# 8<sup>th</sup> Trans-Tasman Symposium on Occultations

## *Call for Presentations*

Wednesday 1st January 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to invite applications for a presentation proposal to the 8th Trans Tasman Symposium on Occultations (TTSO8).

Naturally, the subject of the presentation needs to be associated with the topic of Occultation Observing in some way.

There are three opportunities for your presentation to occur;

- Friday 18th – Introducing Occultation Observing Workshop – a ½ day Workshop
  - Presentations need to be tailored to suit the novice observer, who may be unsure of exactly how to get started on making accurate observations.
  - Topics might include;
    - how to get a “good enough” Time-Base
    - how to set up and find the target star efficiently
    - how to make predictions
    - how to make observation reports
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> PM only - in NACAA Parallel Stream (with NACCA approval)
- Monday 21st – TTSO8 Main Program

Presentation durations – broadly speaking, durations should be of 15 minutes or 30 minutes duration and the presenter should allow for a 3 to 5 minute question time at the end. Presentations will be timed and cut short if the schedule is tight.

Typically, presentations are aided by a file created by yourself that will run on Windows Power Point that will be projected onto a screen. This will consist of a number of slides that include text (please keep to a minimum) photos, diagrams, video files, audio files sufficient to aid the description of your topic. For simplicity it's best to provide your data on a USB memory stick and allow the presentation to run using the symposium PC and data projector however, if you **MUST** run your presentation on your own PC, please advise the organisers well before your presentation is scheduled. Please advise if you require any special needs, like internet connection.

Please consider submitting a separate Paper (i.e. a .doc file) that might describe in detail the individual slides of your Power Point file rather than writing reams of text on your slides. Both files (the Power Point and the Paper) will be included in the TTSO8 DVD.

To submit a presentation proposal, please use the NACAA facility available at <http://www.nacaa.org.au/2014/submit>

Note: A brief abstract will need to be included with your submission. Also you will need to list any special needs for your presentation, like internet connections or PC sound.

Deadline for the applications of submissions is Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.

It would be appreciated if you would send a final, or almost final draft of your presentation files by 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Registrations for NACAA XXVI and TTSO8 will commence in January 2014

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Important Links:

- NACAA Main Page: <http://www.nacaa.org.au/>
- Submit a Proposal to NACAA: <http://www.nacaa.org.au/2014/submit>
- TTSO8 Main Page: <http://www.occultations.org.nz/meetings/TTSO8/TTSO8.htm>