

## **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 - Chair: Edoardo Vesentini**

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 Maccacaro, 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 - Chair: Catherine Cesarsky**

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

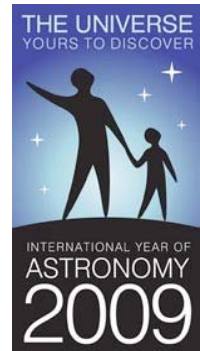
16:20 - 16:40 Lars Christensen: "What Worked Best in IYA2009"

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 Vincenzo Giorgio (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 - Chair: Roger Maurice Bonnet**

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 - Chair: Lodevijk Woltjer**

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 Astronomy for Society: Education, Development and Capacity Building"

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

### **Session V - Astronomy After the IYA - Chair: Silvia Torres-Peimbert**

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

### **Closing Session - Astronomy After the IYA Chair: Franco Pacini**

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