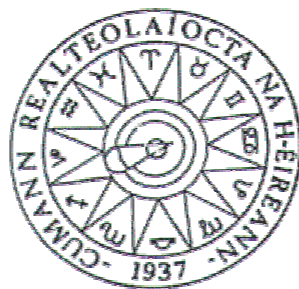




**The British Astronomical Association  
Out of London Meeting  
with our hosts  
the Irish Astronomical Society**



**2008 September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Dublin, Ireland**

The British Astronomical Association (BAA) 2008 Out of London meeting is being held in conjunction with the Irish Astronomical Society at University College, Dublin (UCD).

The weekend starts with a trip to Birr Castle to see the restored 72-inch Lord Rosse Telescope and an evening visit to Dunsink Observatory. The main meeting on Saturday has a full programme of talks followed by a formal dinner and after-dinner talk by Leo Enright. Finally, on Sunday we are fortunate to have 40 places to visit the Newgrange Passage Tomb, a 5,000 year old monument which has many astronomical connections.

Accommodation is at a premium due to the All Ireland Hurling Final which is taking place on the same weekend, so it is important you book as early as possible. The Dublin meeting page on the BAA website includes a list of hotels that have good transport links with the venue. When booking please use the BAA reservation code if one is listed. Note that the Montrose is the nearest hotel to the venue and will be the pick-up point for the coach trips.

**Booking Form**

	Places Required	Amount £
<b>Friday day trip to Birr Castle: £19 per person</b>		
<b>Friday evening reception at Dunsink Observatory: £9 per person (including coach transfer from the Montrose), £4 per person (reception only, no transport)</b>		
<b>Member registration for Saturday including tea/coffee and biscuits (This rate applies to BAA Members, IAS members and UCD students): £6</b>		
<b>Non-member registration for Saturday including tea/coffee and biscuits: £8</b>		
<b>Saturday night evening meal at the Montrose Hotel: £ 20 (excludes drinks. There will a a choice of menus including a vegetarian option)</b>		
<b>Sunday visit to Newgrange Passage Tomb: £17 per person (strictly limited places)</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	

Name of member  Name of guest

Address

Phone no.  E-mail

**PAYMENT METHOD** (Please tick appropriate box):

I enclose cheque or postal order payable to: **THE BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION**

or

Please charge my **Visa / MasterCard / Switch / Delta / Maestro / Amex** account

Card number

Valid from  Valid to  Card security code  Switch issue no.

Name on card  Signature  Date

Please complete this form and send it to: The British Astronomical Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0DU by the closing date of **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008**. (Telephone: 020 7734 4145).

We have arranged a number of trips to complete the weekend. The cost of the trips includes coach transport (from the Montrose Hotel, just across the road from UCD) and entry charges. Note that Sunday's visit to Newgrange is restricted to 40 visitors due to limits on the number of people who can visit the monument so it is best to book early. Flights to Dublin from mainland UK airports are good value if booked early.

Location maps, hotel information and other up-to-date details may be found on the BAA website at:  
**[www.britastro.org/dublinmeeting](http://www.britastro.org/dublinmeeting)**

All details are correct at the time of printing.

**Programme of Events**

**Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

10.00 – 17.00 Full day visit to Birr Castle to see the restored 72-inch Lord Rosse telescope

**Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> Evening**

19.00 – 22.00 Reception at Dunsink Observatory

**Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

09.45 – 10.15 Registration

10.15 – 10.20 Official Welcome – Roger Pickard, BAA President

10.20 – 11.10 Dr Niall Smith (Blackrock Observatory, Cork): A 21<sup>st</sup> century observatory in a 16<sup>th</sup> century castle

11.10 – 12.00 Deirdre Kelleghan (IAS): The IAS and its outreach work

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch (food and drink will be available for purchase locally)

13.30 – 14.10 Dr John Mason (BAA): Total eclipse report

14.10 – 14.55 Dr Stewart Moore (BAA): Galaxies – their discovery and observation

14.55 – 15.40 Dr Nick Hewitt (BAA): Action in galaxies

15.40 – 16.00 Tea

16.00 – 16.50 Dr Mohsen Shadmehri (Dublin City University): Star formation near to the galactic centre

16.50 – 17.40 Professor Tom Ray (Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies): Hubble's successor: The James Webb Space Telescope

17.40 – 17.45 Close

**Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> Evening**

20.00 – 21.30 Dinner at the Montrose Hotel

21.30 – 22.30 Informal talk: Leo Enright (Discover Science and Engineering): The Celtic Cosmos - What leprechauns can teach us about the topology of space-time (a surprising amount, as it turns out)

**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

07.00 – 13.00 Depart early from the Montrose for a morning visit to Newgrange.

*Programme correct at time of printing*

**Event Organisers: Hazel Collett, Nick James (BAA) and Deirdre Kelleghan (IAS)**

**Our Hosts, the Irish Astronomical Society**

The Irish Astronomical Society was founded in Dublin in 1937. We are currently based in Dunsink Observatory, Castlknock. Society members work closely with the Observatory to support public outreach events. Each month from September to May we have interesting speakers deliver quality talks on astronomical topics. The Society presently has 100 members. Our public outreach events are frequent, varied and always appreciated. The IAS website can be found at:

**<http://homepage.eircom.net/~irishas/index.htm>**