

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESS OFFICE

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1. Introduction

While expecting a huge increase of interest in the IAU as a result of the planet definition issue on the agenda of the IAU XXVI General Assembly, Prague, Czech Republic, August 2006, the Executive Committee appointed Lars Lindberg Christensen as Press Officer in June 2006. He will stay on the job till at least the IAU XXVII General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2009.

Below the IAU Press Release issued between June 2006 and November 2008 are listed below. The full text of those IAU Press Releases can be found on:
<www.iau.org/public.press/news/>.

2. Press releases

- News Release IAU0809, Nov 21, 2008:
The International Year of Astronomy 2009 Opening Ceremony: Save the Date
- News Release IAU0808, Oct 30, 2008:
UNESCO and the IAU sign key agreement on Astronomy and World Heritage Initiative
- News Release, IAU0807, Sep 17, 2008:
IAU names fifth dwarf planet Haumea
- News Release IAU0806, Jul 19, 2008:
Fourth dwarf planet named Makemake
- News Release IAU0805, Jun 12, 2008:
Bond receives \$500,000 Gruber Cosmology Prize for major theoretical insights into the origin of the Universe
- News Release IAU0804, Jun 11, 2008:
Plutoid chosen as name for Solar System objects like Pluto
- News Release IAU0803, Jun 5, 2008:
The International Astronomical Union teams up with the Norwegian Academy of Science and the Kavli Prize
- News Release IAU0802, Jun 5, 2008:
The first International Year of Astronomy 2009 Cornerstone Project brings the stars to Liverpool, UK
- News Release IAU0801, Jan 17, 2008:
The International Year of Astronomy 2009 welcomes the 100th participating country
- News Release IAU0702, Dec 20, 2007:
The United Nations declares 2009 the International Year of Astronomy

- News Release IAU0701, Oct 26, 2007:
New journal for astronomy communicators goes live!
- News Release IAU0700, Jul 17, 2007:
PPGF Cosmology Prize Recipients 2007
- News Release IAU0607, Dec 21, 2006:
IYA2009 web page public, National Node chairs appointed
- News Release IAU0606, Oct 27, 2006:
The International Astronomical Union announces the International Year of Astronomy 2009
- News Release IAU0605, Sep 14, 2006:
IAU names dwarf planet Eris
- News Release IAU0604, Aug 28, 2006:
The International Astronomical Union elects Catherine Cesarsky as new President
- News Release IAU0603, Aug 24, 2006:
IAU 2006 General Assembly: Result of the IAU Resolution votes
- News Release IAU0602, Aug 24, 2006:
The Final IAU Resolution on the definition of “planet” ready for voting
- News Release IAU0601, Aug 16, 2006:
The IAU draft definition of “planet” and “plutons”

3. IAU web site and data base

The IAU Press Office worked closely with the IAU General Secretary and the IAU Secretariat on developing the IAU web site and the IAU membership database. In addition, frequent requests from public and press were answered.

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