**Come to the Starlight Conference!**

**Lake Tekapo, South Island, New Zealand**

**11-13 June 2012**

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**Topics to be covered:**

- Role and purpose of a Starlight Reserve
- Public education and outreach at a Starlight Reserve
- Starlight Reserves and astro-tourism
- The Starlight Declaration (2007) and the right to see the stars
- Light pollution and light pollution controls through lighting ordinances
- The dark sky park movement, including science-based park management and related visitor experiences
- Integrating starlight protection with protection for the landscape, ecology and biosphere
- Radio astronomy and radio frequency interference (RFI); radio-quiet zones and RFI mitigation
- Starlight Reserves as a protection for astronomical research
- Cultural aspects of stars and starlight in civilization and society
- The role of the World Heritage Committee and other bodies (International Dark Sky Association, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, government departments, etc) in regulating and operating Starlight Reserves

**Invited speakers:**

- **Professor Clive Ruggles** - University of Leicester, UK.
- **Cipriano Marin** - The Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC), Spain
- **Prof Alec Boksenberg** - FRS, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **Reg Wilson**, Lighting Analysis & Design, Sydney, Australia
- **Steve Owens** - Head of IDA Dark Sky Places Development Committee, UK
- **Bryan King** - Lighting Management Consultants Ltd, Auckland
- **Professor Sergei Gulyaev** – Auckland University of Technology
- **Steve Butler** – RASNZ, Dark Skies group, Invercargill
- **Professor Michel Cotte** – University of Nantes, France
- **Al Morrison** – Director-General Department of Conservation, New Zealand
- **John Drummond** – Possum Observatory, Gisborne
- **Ken McNerney** – Waitaha iwi, Christchurch
- **Fraser Gunn** – astrophotography, Lake Tekapo

**Organizing committee:**

**New Zealand**: John Hearnshaw (University of Canterbury); Glenda Lewis (organizer of Transit of Venus Forum 2012; formerly Royal Society NZ); Margaret Austin (NZ Starlight working group chair; former chair of NZ Commission to UNESCO); Sergei Gulyaev (Auckland University of Technology); Alan Gilmore (Mt John University Observatory, University of Canterbury); Karen Pollard (University Canterbury); Steve Butler (RASNZ, Dark Sky Group); Marilyn Head (Wellington Astronomy Society); Grant Christie (Auckland Astronomy Society and RASNZ); Graeme Murray (Earth and Sky Ltd); Rosalie Reilly (University of Canterbury); John Cumberpatch (until recently DOC South Island manager); **International**: Cipriano Marin (Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands, Spain; Coordinator of the Starlight Initiative; Vice-president of the Unesco Centre of the Canary Islands); Alec Boksenberg (Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK); Steve Owens (Dark Skies Parks initiative in UK); David Welch (Dark Skies Advisory Group of IUCN, Canada).