

THIRD INTERNATIONAL STARLIGHT CONFERENCE

IN DEFENCE OF THE QUALITY OF THE NIGHT SKY AND THE RIGHT TO OBSERVE THE STARS

11, 12 AND 13 JUNE ~ LAKE TEKAPO, NEW ZEALAND



Come to the Starlight Conference!

Lake Tekapo, South Island, New Zealand

11-13 June 2012



See www.starlight2012.org for all details.

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 McAnergney** – 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 of 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).