

SOCIETY MATTERS

The 23rd Meeting of the Astronomical Society of India

February 21-24, 2005, ARIES, Nainital (Uttaranchal)

Aryabhata Research Institute for Observational Sciences (ARIES)
and
Astronomical Society of India

First Circular/Announcement and Call for papers

The 23rd Meeting of the Astronomical Society of India will be hosted by the Aryabhata Research Institute for Observational Sciences (ARIES), Manora Peak, Nainital 263129 (Uttaranchal) during February 21-24, 2005. The ARIES came into existence at Varanasi in April 1954. It has completed its 50 years in 2004. It was moved from the dust and haze of the plains to the more transparent skies of Nainital in 1955 and to its present location at Manora Peak in 1961. The primary objective of the institution has been to develop facilities for modern astrophysical research and atmospheric sciences. The weather in Nainital during February is expected to be cold with a low of $\sim 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and a high of $\sim 15^{\circ}\text{C}$ with a possibility of rainfall/snowfall. Warm clothing will be required.

The chairman of the Scientific Organising Committee (SOC) is Dr. K. Subramaniam (IUCAA, Pune) and the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is Dr. Ram Sagar (ARIES, Nainital).

The contributed papers will be presented in posters. In addition, invited talks, evening lectures, and popular lectures will be arranged as traditionally done in the past ASI meetings. It is expected that travel support will be available to a limited number of participants, with preference to young researchers from universities, and to those who do not have any other source of support.

The Local Organising Committee will send circulars with information and deadlines for registration, arrangements for accommodation, and programme of the meeting.

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