Recovering Starlight for Future Generations

La Palma Dark Sky Meeting Resolution

A preliminary meeting inviting global participation for the restoration of starry nights world wide for future generations was held on Monday 18th May, 2015 at the Las Olas (the Waves) Hotel, Los Cancajos, on the island of La Palma in the Canaries, Spain.

Speakers were: UNESCO Secretary General for the Canary Islands, Cipriano Marin, Starlight Initiative; Ana Castanera, Tourist Board of the Island Council of La Palma (Spain); Valentin Grigore, president of SARM (Romania) and member of Astronomers Without Borders and One Star at a Time; Audrey Fischer President of Chicago Astronomical Society and Founder of One Star at a Time, (USA); Prof. Dr. Ron McConnell, Founder of Alberta Dark Skies Association, Edmonton Light-Efficient Community Policy Committee, (Canada); Prof. Dr. Micheal Siminovitch, Rosenfeld Chair University of California at Davis (USA); Dr. Daniela DePaulis, Opticks Dwingaloo Observatory (Netherlands and France) and Dr. Ovidiu Vaduvescu of the ING, IAC, and Astro Travels. The meeting was chaired by Audrey Fischer.

About 25 people attended in person, and more connect over the internet. The audience included amateur astronomers, professors, environmentalists and public outreach personnel from La Palma, Romania, Germany, USA, and the UK. The meeting proposed an international conference in 2016 on Recovering Starlight for Future Generations. We aim to train and enthuse concerned citizens and organizations to promote efficient, star-friendly lighting with the goal of improving human health, the environment, and eco-systems, and to allow future generations to experience the beauty of starlight. Reducing light pollution will safeguard investments in and the reputation of the Canary Islands' world-class astronomical observatories and benefit local businesses involved in nature and astro-tourism. The meeting agreed that La Palma would be the ideal host of this international conference.

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