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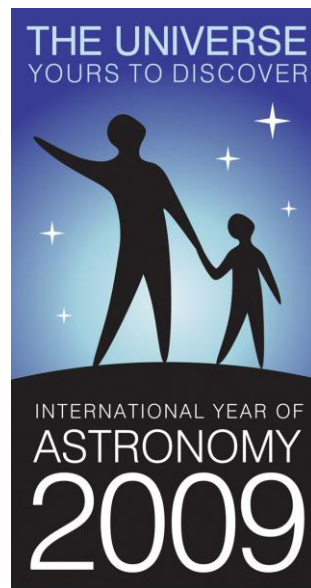
Astronomy Communication Seminars

— Monthly half-hour seminars about contemporary issues in astronomy communication

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Abstract: The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has launched 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009) under the theme “The Universe, yours to discover”. IYA2009 marks the four hundredth anniversary of Galileo Galilei’s first astronomical observation through a telescope. It will be a global celebration of astronomy and its contribution to society and culture, with a strong emphasis on education, public engagement and the involvement of young people, with events at national, regional, and global levels throughout the whole of 2009. IYA2009 has been endorsed by UNESCO and the UN General Assembly. ESO plays a central role in the IYA2009 as the project is coordinated globally from ESO. The authors will present a) a snapshot of the current global status of the IYA2009 programme, b) highlights from the ESO IYA2009 activities and c) the Global Cornerstone Projects led and coordinated by ESO.

