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Attachment:
355 KB pdf --- new logo for IYA

Dear ISWI Participant:

This is the first issue of the ISWI Newsletter for 2010 -- so it is "Volume 2, Number 1." Happy New Year Wishes to the entire ISWI community !!! This year marks the formal start of ISWI -- and there is plenty of work for everyone this year; so "Ask not what ISWI can do for you -- Ask what you can do for ISWI" (to paraphrase a famous line by JFK).

BIG BIG REMINDER: The "ISWI Logo Contest" ends on January 15, 2010. There is only one week left. Please find details on the contest at the ISWI website (www.iswi-secretariat.org) and please spread the word around. Top and only prize is 400USD.

Just for your reference, here in Japan, the Japan National ISWI Committee is organizing an "ISWI Kick Off" meeting at Kyushu University (3 - 5 March 2010) to initiate ISWI in Japan. If you are having a kick-off type meeting in your country, I can publicize it through the ISWI Newsletter.

The International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009)

IYA2009 was successfully wrapped up. The United Nations Programme on Space Applications, through the United Nations Basic Space Science Initiative (UNBSSI), including the IHY activities in the period of time from 2005 to 2009 (<http://ihy2007.org/>), supported IYA2009 as an Organizational Node (<http://www.astronomy2009.org/>).

Throughout 2009, UNBSSI disseminated information on IHY2009 world-wide and specifically to state Members of UNCOPUOS. A final review of the Programme's contributions to IYA2009 was undertaken as part of the UN/ESA/NASA/JAXA Workshop on Basic Space Science and the International Heliophysical Year 2007, hosted by the Korea Institute for Astronomy and Space Science (KASI) in September 2009 (http://bssihy.kasi.re.kr/unbssw_newsletter.aspx).

From Dr Hans Haubold, I received the attached logo (new logo).

Cordially yours,
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