# Irish Astronomical Society

If you are interested in joining the Irish Astronomical Society, please complete the form below and send your completed form with the appropriate subscription to:

### Hon. Secretary Irish Astronomical Society P.O. Box 2547 Dublin 14

The annual subscription is €45. There is a concessionary rate of €36 per annum; this applies to people under 18 or over 65 years of age, full-time students and the unwaged.

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We also organise what has recently become an annual event - the IAS Dinner. This event has become a firm favourite with members.

The society also partakes of a number of annual astronomical get-togethers around the country where high-profile international guests are often featured.

### Dunsink Observatory

Thanks to Dunsink's good graces, the society has the use of their observatory and its 12-inch refracting telescope on the last Thursday of each month.

### Sponsorship

The Society is seeking sponsorship to assist with the production of its publications, **Orbit** and **Sky High**, and to aid in funding society events. If you can help or offer any suggestions in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact the society or one of its officials.

### Subscription Rates

The Society's year runs from August to July to coincide with the return of dark evenings and encroaching winter. The annual subscription is €45 and the concession rate is €36. Members joining later in the year will receive all back issues of **Orbit** and **Sky High** up to the time they join. There is also Family Member--ship (€55), only one set of publications is send. Fellowship of the Society is also available.

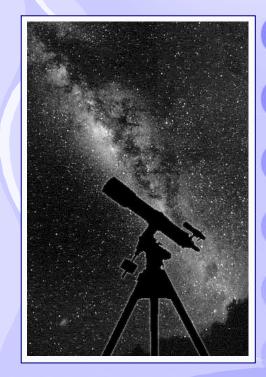
### Conclusion

We have a lot to offer anyone who's interested in astronomy. So don't stay out in the cold. Come and join us, make new friends and share a journey through the cosmos.

# **Information Brochure**

# **Membership Application**

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The universe is not only stranger than we imagine, it is stranger than we *can* imagine! We seek to educate and inform our members about the wonders of that universe. Why not join us on the journey?

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The Irish Astronomical Society (IAS) was founded in 1937 and is the oldest national astronomy organisation in the country.

### Meetings

During the dark half of the year (September to April), the society conducts an active lecture programme with meetings occurring regularly each month. There, new members can meet and interact with older and more experienced members in a friendly atmosphere. Books, magazines and videos are also available for loan to members from our library. The venue sports a bar which is available for members' use after meetings.

#### Publications

The IAS produces two publications: *Orbit* and *Sky High*.

**Orbit** is the regular 24-page bimonthly magazine for society members and features up-todate news, regular notes on what's happening

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in the sky and a range of articles covering a variety of aspects of astronomy. The magazine is written by members for members and any contributions are always enthusiastically accepted!

*Sky High* is our annual almanac publication featuring topical articles and detailing what's up in Irish skies month by month for the coming year.

### Activites

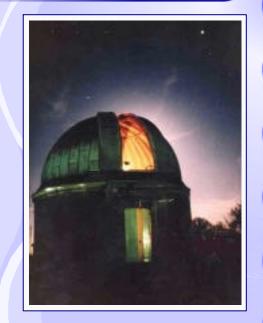
We try to meet at least twice a month at a dark site (weather permitting!) where we can get a good view of the heavens without too much intrusion from light pollution. These meetings give members the opportunity to examine some of the equipment available to amateurs (telescopes, binoculars, eyepieces, etc.) and to see their capabilities first-hand - essential if you're thinking about buying your own equipment.

These meetings also let new or inexperienced members learn their way around the night sky



I.A.S. visit to Dunsink Observatory 8th May 1999. Photo: Barry Pickup

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Dunsink Observatory Dome with 12" South refractor. Photo: Barry Pickup

from the old hands in the society. They're also social occassions, so bring along hot chocolate and snacks to keep yourself warm on those cold winter nights! You should wear several layers of clothing and thick woolly socks to keep out the cold. Some form of hat is almost essential.

From time to time, the society organises trips to various sites of astronomical interest - such as to Armagh Planetarium and Observatory or to Birr in Co. Offaly, home to the newly restored 72-inch Leviathon reflecting telescope which, in the last century was the largest working telescope in the world! Members have, in previous years, also been on trips abroad to view the return of Comet Halley and a number of solar eclipses.