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NEW NAMES OF MINOR PLANETS

(6086) Vrchlický = 1987 VU

Discovered 1987 Nov. 15 by Z. Vávrová at Kleť.

Jaroslav Vrchlický (1853–1912), born Emil Frída, was a Czech poet and one of most prolific of all Czech writers. His works included lyric and epic poetry, plays and Czech translations of major European writers.

(8368) Lamont = 1991 DM

Discovered 1991 Feb. 20 by R. H. McNaught at Siding Spring.

Johann von Lamont (1805–1879) was born in Scotland but moved to Bavaria to be educated. He became director of the Bogenhausen Observatory and Astronomer Royal of Bavaria. Initially studying positional astronomy, he later developed a network of meteorological and magnetic stations throughout Europe.

(12793) Hosinokokai = 1995 UP₈

Discovered 1995 Oct. 30 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Hoshinokokai is a star-loving group that has been working voluntarily for 20 years at the astronomical observatory on Tawara Junior High School in Utsunomiya City, Tochigi Prefecture.

(17473) Freddiemercury = 1991 FM₃

Discovered 1991 Mar. 21 by H. Debehogne at the European Southern Observatory.

Freddie Mercury (Farrokh Bulsara, 1946–1991) was a British songwriter and the lead singer for the legendary rock group Queen. His distinctive sound and large vocal range were hallmarks of his performance style, and he is regarded as one of the greatest rock singers of all time.

(19695) Billnye = 1999 RP₂₃₄

Discovered 1999 Sept. 8 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Bill Nye “The Science Guy” (b. 1955) is one of the world’s pre-eminent science educators. His pedagogical vision, combined with his affability and humor across radio, television, lectures, books and the internet, has inspired millions of people to change the world by embracing the passion, beauty and joy of science.

(19700) Teitelbaum = 1999 SG₁₅

Discovered 1999 Sept. 30 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Hugh E. Teitelbaum (1951–2007) received a degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and a Law Degree from George Mason University. He spent most of his career as a hospital attorney and served in the 911th Air Wing of the Air Force Reserve. He was an avid astronomy and space enthusiast.

(19711) Johnligawesa = 1999 TG₂₁₉

Discovered 1999 Oct. 1 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

John N.L. Aligawesa (1949–1999) was a telecommunications lecturer at the Dar-es-salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) in Tanzania. He attended the City college of New York, where he received his Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was an avid instructor at DIT and a champion for education for all.

(21360) Bobduff = 1997 GW₃₀

Discovered 1997 Apr. 8 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

Robert Ian Duff (b. 1946) is an amateur astronomer who has served as Librarian and Outreach Coordinator for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, London Centre. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(21361) Carsonmark = 1997 HQ

Discovered 1997 Apr. 28 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

Jordan Carson Mark (1913–1997) worked as a physicist and administrator at Los Alamos National Laboratory and as an advisor on the safety of nuclear reactors. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(22454) Rosalylopes = 1996 VU₁₇

Discovered 1996 Nov. 6 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

A member of the Cassini Titan Radar Mapper Team at JPL, Rosaly M. C. Lopes-Gautier (b. 1957) studies geology and volcanology. She discovered 71 volcanoes on Io. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(22456) Salopek = 1996 XF₁₂

Discovered 1996 Dec. 4 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

David Stephen Salopek (b. 1963) earned a Ph.D. in cosmology from the University of Toronto in 1989 and worked at the Universities of Cambridge and Alberta. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(22473) Stanleyhey = 1997 EN₄

Discovered 1997 Mar. 2 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

James Stanley Hey (1909–2000) was a British radar engineer. In 1942 February, Hey was first to identify radio waves coming from a solar flare. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(22494) Trillium = 1997 JL

Discovered 1997 May 2 by Spacewatch at Kitt Peak.

Since 1937, the White Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) has been the official flower of Canada’s province of Ontario, where it is often found in forests. Name suggested and citation prepared by Robert Jedicke and Peter Jedicke.

(32298) Kunalshroff = 2000 QD₁₂

Discovered 2000 Aug. 24 by the Lincoln Laboratory Near-Earth Asteroid Research Team at Socorro.

Kunal Shroff (b. 1998) is a finalist in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search (STS), a science competition for high school seniors, for his cellular and molecular biology

project. He attends the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, Virginia.

(55854) Stoppani = 1996 VS₁

Discovered 1996 Nov. 8 by M. Cavagna and P. Chiavenna at Sormano.

In 1905 Eugenio Stoppani (1850–1917) erected a mountain refuge, now the site of the Sormano Observatory, in the place where his father Edoardo Stoppani (1818–1892) died accidentally. Antonio Stoppani (1824–1891) (probably a distant relative) was a distinguished palaeontologist.

(129811) Stacyoliver = 1999 LY₃₃

Discovered 1999 June 11 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Stacy Oliver (b. 1969) worked as information technologies and documentation specialist on the OSIRIS-REx Asteroid Sample Return Mission.

(130069) Danielgaudreau = 1999 VV₁₉₆

Discovered 1999 Nov. 1 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Daniel Gaudreau (b. 1969) is the Lead Systems Engineer for the OSIRIS-REx Lidar Altimeter instrument. He also had that role on the JWST Fine Guidance Sensor, in addition to Software Systems Engineer. He was also involved as a Ground Segment Project Engineer on the Canadian Space Station Program.

(133861) Debrawilmer = 2004 BO₂₅

Discovered 2004 Jan. 19 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Debra Wilmer (b. 1972) worked on the OSIRIS-REx Mission as the Executive Assistant in the Principal Investigator's Office.

(156631) Margitan = 2002 JM₈

Discovered 2002 May 6 by NEAT at Palomar.

In multiple managerial roles and as an atmospheric research scientist, James Margitan (b. 1951) set the standard for scientific and strategic leadership in the JPL Science Division from 1981 to 2016.

(178151) Kulangsu = 2006 TO₉₂

Discovered 2006 Oct. 14 by Q.-Z. Ye and C.-S. Lin at Lulin.

Kulangsu (Gulangyu) is an island off the southwestern coast of the city of Xiamen in China. It is renowned for its unique history, culture and beautiful natural scenery. Name suggested by D.-H. Chen, a resident of the island.

(239105) Marcocattaneo = 2006 HP₅₇

Discovered 2006 Apr. 28 by V. S. Casulli at Vallemare Borbona.

Marco Cattaneo (b. 1963) is a science journalist and director of the Italian edition of *Scientific American*.

(262705) Vosne-Romanee = 2006 XH₄

Discovered 2006 Dec. 14 by M. Ory at Vicques.

The Burgundy village of Vosne-Romanée is situated between Beaune and Dijon, France. Vosne-Romanée itself has six Grand Cru vineyards, the most famous of which is Romanée-Conti.

(269243) Charbonnel = 2008 QN₁₄

Discovered 2008 Aug. 27 by J. M. Lopez and C. Cavadore at Pises.

Stephane Charbonnel (b. 1973) is a French professor of Physics. An enthusiastic amateur astronomer, he has performed asteroid photometric observations to determine their shape, and spectrographic observations of galactic Novae.

(283461) Leacipaola = 2001 PX₂₈

Discovered 2001 Aug. 14 by L. Tesi at San Marcello.

Paola Leaci (b. 1980) is a researcher at the Physics Department of the Rome Sapienza University. Her current research fields are gravitational wave physics, gravitational wave data analysis, pulsar searches, observational relativity and cosmology.

(291633) Heyun = 2006 HY₂₀

Discovered 2006 Apr. 19 by Q.-Z. Ye and H.-C. Lin at Lulin.

He Yun (b. 1921) is a Chinese radio/TV engineer and the chief designer of the old Shanghai TV Tower. He is also a veteran amateur astronomer, who has been active in the greater Shanghai region for decades.

(291847) Ladoix = 2006 OP₁

Discovered 2006 July 19 by M. Ory at Vicques.

The French village of Ladoix is situated north of Beaune, in the famous Burgundy vineyard region. The discoverer much appreciates the Ladoix Premier Cru red wine.

(295473) Cochard = 2008 QD₁₆

Discovered 2008 Aug. 27 by J. M. Lopez and C. Cavadore at Pises.

François Cochard (b. 1965) is a French engineer, who has promoted spectroscopy by amateur astronomers. He created the BeSS spectrum database to get a better understanding of Be stars.

(301021) Sofiarodriguez = 2008 SJ₁₁

Discovered 2008 Sept. 23 by J. W. Young at Wrightwood.

Sofia Rodriguez (b. 2014) is the great-granddaughter of the discoverer.

(378214) Sauron = 2007 AP₁₁

Discovered 2007 Jan. 14 by E. Schwab and R. Kling at Taunus.

Sauron is a fictional character in J. R. R. Tolkien's fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings*. He created the One Ring to rule the rings of power. Due to Sauron's war-like nature, a Mars-crossing minor planet was chosen to receive his name.