

REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY - 2024/2025

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1	D	Hospitality	24-Apr-24	Various		AOP	Provision of on an early evening meal. To facilitate continued discussions with Amanda Chadburn and AOI representatives.	UNESCO World Heritage Visit by Amanda Chadburn to the Astronomical Observatory of Ireland sites from 22 to 24 April 2024 in order to prepare application for UNESCO Tentative List.	75.05	N/A	Accepted	ambn	30-May-24
2		Gift	18-May-24	Director	AOP	Irish Astronomical Association (IAA)	IAA 50th Anniversary Conference held at the Planetarium on 18 May 2024. Gift presented at end of opening session, wrapped up. On later opening found it was a bottle of whiskey.	Presented by IAA President for hosting the IAA's 50th Anniversary event and for the opening speech made to the conference.	36.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	14-Jun-24
3		Hospitality	18-May-24	Director		Irish Astronomical Association (IAA)	IAA 50th Anniversary Conference held at the Planetarium on 18 May 2024. Invitation to the IAA's 50th anniversary conference dinner at the Armagh City Hotel.	Representing AOP.	30.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	14-Jun-24
4	D	Hospitality	24-Jun-24	Various		AOP	Reception and Dinner with Board of Governors and Management Committee.	To celebrate the achievements of the Observatory and Planetarium including the establishment of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland. Advocacy / Stakeholder event to raise awareness of and engender support for AOP's objectives.	2088.28	N/A	Accepted	ambn	26-Jun-24

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5	D	Hospitality	13-Sep-24	Various		AOP	Provision of lunch. To facilitate continued discussions with Keith Venables and AOP representatives.	Keith Venables travelled from England to deliver an original telescope of Rev. WFA Ellison's that he has restored. AOP have purchased the telescope for the Observatory's historic collection. Keith has extensively researched Rev. Ellison's contribution to amateur telescope making. Keith is also a member of the BAA.	42.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	23-Sep-24
6	D	Hospitality	09-Oct-24	Various		AOP	Stakeholder dinner regarding historic links with QUB.	To discuss AOP's important historic links with Queen's University and future strategic opportunities between the two institutions and as part of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland partnership with the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies and Birr Scientific and Heritage Foundation.	732.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	23-Oct-24
7	D	Hospitality	30-Jan-25	Various		AOP/BIRR/DIAS	Special Astronomical Observatories of Ireland Reception	To celebrate the success of the AOI Partnership and exhibition launch of original drawings made by William Parsons, the 3rd Earl of Rosse in 1845 of the spiral structure of the Whirlpool Nebula.	545.00*	N/A	Accepted	ambn	03-Mar-25

D = Funded by DfC Recurrent Grant

E = Funded by External Grants and Other Sources

Conference and meeting costs recorded exclude accommodation, hire of meeting rooms and other conference meeting costs

The 'Provision of Hospitality' forms completed for each event that contain further information are located in the Gifts and Hospitality Register file and are available to view as required

*AOP Contribution