

REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY - 2025/2026

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1	D	Hospitality	10-Jun-25	Various		AOP	Reception for selected delegates attending the 13th International Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomena (INSAP) being held at Queen's University Belfast and Armagh Observatory and Planetarium from 8 – 13 June 2025	For delegates to hear about the journey of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland (Armagh, Birr and Dunsink Observatories) to seek UNESCO World Heritage Inscription	450.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	09-Jun-25
2		Gift	11-Jun-25	Director		Dr Steven Gullberg, President, Commission C5 Cultural Astronomy, International Astronomical Union / University of Oklahoma	Limited Edition Art Print "Milkyway" by Jessica Gullberg.	Presented to the Director. Dr and Mrs Gullberg are delegates at the 13th International Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomena (INSAP) being held at Queen's University Belfast and Armagh Observatory and Planetarium from 8 – 13 June 2025.	28.00*	N/A	Accepted	ambn	17-Jun-25
3		Gift	11-Jun-25	AOP		Dr Steven Gullberg, President, Commission C5 Cultural Astronomy, International Astronomical Union / University of Oklahoma	Limited Edition Art Print "Helix" by Jessica Gullberg.	Presented to the Director for the AOP. Dr and Mrs Gullberg are delegates at the 13th International Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomena (INSAP) being held at Queen's University Belfast and Armagh Observatory and Planetarium from 8 – 13 June 2025.	28.00*	N/A	Accepted	ambn	17-Jun-25

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4		Gift	14-Jul-25	AOP			Framed Lino Art Print, Westwood House (c. 1920), Met Éireann, Valentia Observatory, Cahersiveen, Co Kerry by Andrew Garvey.	Presented to the Director for the AOP. Inscription on the reverse of the frame: "Presented to Professor Michael Burton, Director Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, by Andrew Garvey, Met Éireann, Valentia Observatory, Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry, on the occasion of the celebration of 230 years of the continuous observations (meteorological) at Armagh. (14/07/2025)."	Unknown	N/A	Accepted	ambn	22-Aug-25
5	D	Hospitality	12-Nov-25	Various		AOP	Dinner to discuss strategic relationship with QUB	To discuss AOP's important historic links with Queen's University and future strategic opportunities between the two institutions with senior personnel within QUB.	748.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	31-Oct-25
6		Hospitality	11-Nov-25	Head of Education and Outreach		Tourism NI	Dinner at Armagh City Hotel	Opportunity to meet their new CEO and Board.	40.00*	N/A	Accepted	ambn	12-Nov-25
7	D	Hospitality	14-Jul-25	Various		AOP	Celebrations for the 230th anniversary of continuous daily weather readings on 14 July 2025. Reception for past and present met observers and guests.	Opportunity to reconnect and reflect on this extraordinary legacy.	180.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	13-Nov-25
8	D	Hospitality	21-Nov-25	Various		AOP	Event to commemorate Dr Mart De Groot	Opportunity for members of the de Groot family to visit the Observatory where they lived for ~18 years to reminisce and to meet with past and present Observatory staff to remember Dr Mart de Groot, 8th Director of Armagh Observatory who passed away on 9 October 2025.	187.50	N/A	Accepted	ambn	12-Mar-26

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9	E	Hospitality	12-Mar-26	Various		AOP	Official Launch of Redevelopment Project	The official launch of a landmark project that heralds the beginning of an ambitious transformation of the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. This exciting project will see a major redevelopment of the historic site into an all round 'Centre for the public understanding of science and beyond,' expanding on its current themes of education, research, visitor experiences and events for all ages. It will also be an opportunity for the new Centre to become an integral part in the regeneration of Armagh as a landmark city and visitor destination.	495.00	N/A	Accepted	ambn	12-Mar-26

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

\* Reported for transparency purposes. There is no requirement for reporting or approval as the value is less than £50.00.