

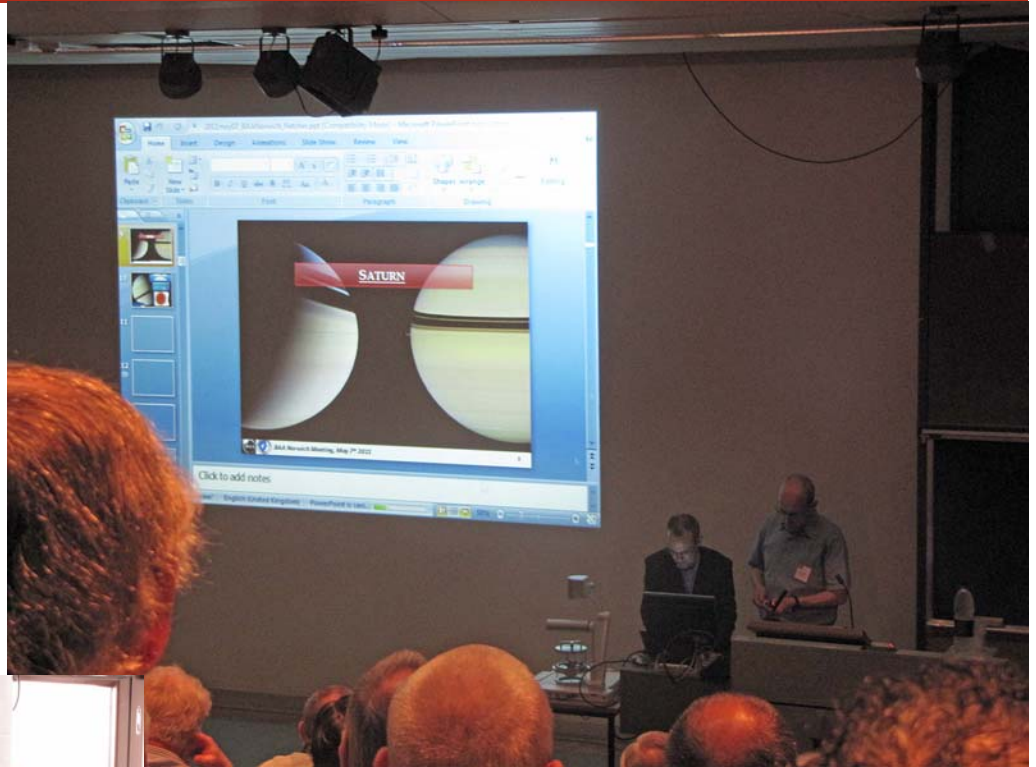


Out of London Meeting, Norwich, 2011 | May 7

'Working together – collaboration between amateur and professional astronomers'

The idea of this one-day meeting at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, organised by the BAA in cooperation with the Norwich Astronomical Society, was to highlight some of the most successful current collaborations between amateur and professional astronomers. The day was introduced by BAA President Dr David Boyd who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In the morning Saturn Section Director Mike Foulkes and Jupiter Director Dr John Rogers described some of the latest observations of Jupiter and Saturn by the BAA Observing Sections, and Dr Leigh Fletcher of Oxford University explained how professional astronomers interpreted these results and how they were helping to advance our knowledge of the atmospheres



of the gas giant planets. In the afternoon the focus was on the increasing use of spectroscopy by amateurs. Robin Leadbeater and Dr Julian Pittard explained how amateur spectroscopy has been able to shed new light on the colliding-winds Wolf-Rayet binary WR140, and how this knowledge is leading to a better understanding of these enigmatic stars.

The day concluded with an entertaining talk by Dr Stuart Lynn on the

rapid growth of Citizen Science, which was now attracting many members of the public to contribute to a range of scientific projects through the Internet.

Closing the meeting, the President thanked Hazel Collett, the BAA Meeting Organiser, and members of the Norwich Astronomical Society for their help in organising the meeting, the staff of the University for assisting with the arrangements, all the speakers, and the audience for their active participation during the day.

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