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Dear Colleague,

What fantastic times we live in! Our hobby has never been so popular or so accessible. Whatever information we require, we can get immediately. Whether it's historical details about Galileo's first telescope or the orbital elements for a newly discovered comet or the latest stunning deep sky vista from the Hubble Space Telescope, it's all available at the press of a button.

Yet we achieve our greatest enjoyment from our hobby when we share it with others; be it at a public viewing night showing a member of the public the ringed planet Saturn for the first time or sharing with fellow enthusiasts the thrill of seeing that elusive nebula under dark outback skies.

As convenor of the **2002 National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers**, I extend to you a welcome invitation to come to Adelaide and participate in the convention. The convention will be held at the Royal Coach Motor Inn, Adelaide, from Friday 29th March, 2002 to Monday, 1st April 2002.

The NACAA, as you know, has a long running tradition in gathering together amateur astronomers from around Australia. It's a time to catch up with old friends, make new ones, from both larger and smaller astronomical groups.

We would like to make NACAA 2002 interesting and exciting to attend and welcome suggestions on topics and talks. Don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestions. At this NACAA we will be enhancing the format to not only include the familiar technical and workshop sessions, but also to provide more variety to the types of events and presentations available to those attending the convention.

Among the events we have in the pipeline for NACAA 2002 include a barbeque and visit to Stockport Observatory, the most extensive amateur astronomical facility in the state, and of course the NACAA conference dinner which will include the presentation of the Berenice Page medal.

So get ready, NACAA 2002 is coming! We hope to see you here in Adelaide next Easter!

Clear Skies,

Joe Grida
Convenor, NACAA 2002

P.S. Registration forms and first call for papers will be posted in August 2001.

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