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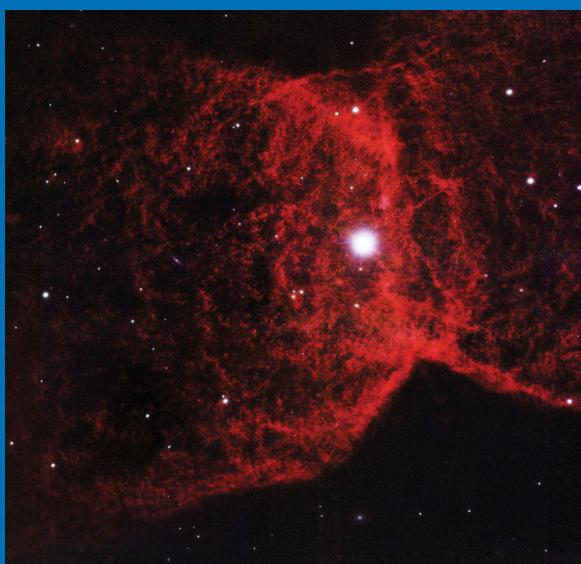
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## Preface

Planetary nebulae are the spectacular products of low- and intermediate-mass stellar evolution. They are key laboratories for the understanding of atomic, molecular, dust and plasma processes in different astrophysical environments, they probe fundamental physics of single and binary star evolution, including nucleosynthesis, rotation, mass transfer and loss, and magnetic fields, and they trace stellar populations, kinematics and chemistry of galaxies including our own galaxy the Milky Way.

The planetary nebula community, now represented by IAU Commission H3 of Division H, has had a history of very successful IAU symposia, beginning in 1967 with IAU Symp. 34 held in Tatranska Lomnica (Czechoslovakia), followed in 1977 by IAU Symp. 76 in Ithaca, NY (USA), IAU Symp. 103 in London (England) in 1982, IAU Symp. 131 in Mexico City (Mexico) in 1987, IAU Symp. 155 in Innsbruck (Austria) in 1992, IAU Symp. 180 in Groningen (Holland) in 1996, IAU Symp. 209 in Canberra (Australia) in 2001, IAU Symp. 234 in Hawaii (USA) in 2006, and IAU Symp. 283 in Puerto de la Cruz (Spain) in 2011.

Following the endorsement and sponsorship by IAU Divisions and approved by the IAU Executive Committee in April 2015, the latest of this series of IAU Symposia of planetary nebulae, IAU Symposium 323: Planetary nebulae: Multi-wavelength probes of stellar and galactic evolution, was held in Beijing on October 10-14, 2016. This was the first time an IAU symposium on this topic was held in Asia. Over one hundred registered participants from seventeen countries attended the symposium, and interacted and discussed the wide range of topics related to the field. In total 17 invited reviews, 44 contributed talks and 36 posters were presented.

The meeting covers broad themes including new challenges to surveys of planetary nebula, AGB and post-AGB populations in the Milky Way, in the Local Group of galaxies and beyond, planetary nebulae as versatile laboratories for atomic, molecular, dust and plasma physics, stellar nucleosynthesis and chemical enrichment of the interstellar medium, hydrodynamic and radiative modeling of planetary nebulae, single and binary stellar evolution from the asymptotic giant branch to white dwarf stellar phases, magnetic fields, mass loss and mass transfer in binaries and connection to the planetary nebula phenomena, planetary nebulae in nearby galaxies as tracers of galactic dynamics and chemical evolution. In addition, two discussion sessions, each of one hour duration, were held on the topics "Modelling and data" and "Planetary nebulae and forefront instrumentation", moderated by specific SOC members and other scientists who are experts in these areas.

The programme was carefully put together by the Scientific Organizing Committee, consisting of Magda Arnaboldi (Germany), You-Hua Chu (China Taipei), Romano Corradi (Spain), Orsola De Marco (Australia), Adam Frank (U.S.A.), Amanda Karakas (co-chair, Australia), Karen Kwitter (U.S.A.), Sun Kwok (China Nanjing), Xiaowei Liu (co-chair, China Nanjing), Alberto Lopez (Mexico), Arturo Manchado (Spain), Roberto Mendez (U.S.A.), Quentin Parker (Australia), Miriam Pena (Mexico), Letizia Stanghellini (co-chair, U.S.A.), Albert Zijlstra (U.K.). The Committee made an early decision that, in order to help bring in early career speakers, no Committee members were invited to give a review talk. During the symposium, three of the Committee members, Orsola De Marco, Letizia Stanghellini, and Albert Zijlstra volunteered to run a best student poster competition. One first class, two second class and a number of encouragement awards were awarded, with generous prizes provided by the Local Organizing Committee. The activity was well received by all student participants.

The Local Organizing Committee, consisting of Bingqiu Chen, Jianning Fu, Biwei Jiang (co-chair), Stephen Justham (co-chair), Xiaowei Liu (co-chair), Juanjuan Ren, Jieling Yu, Juanjuan Ren and Haibo Yuan provided the local support. The symposium website was built and maintained by Jian Li. Ning Zhang provided indispensable logistic assistance. The symposium was operated by the Overseas Exchange Center of Peking University. The smooth and efficient operation of the symposium was widely and highly praised by the participants. As one of the participants commented afterwards, "Everything was outstanding. From the scientific program to the logistics assistance, the social activities and everything. The meeting was perfect."

Finally, it is a great pleasure to acknowledge the financial support from the International Astronomical Union, National Natural Science Foundation of China, National Astronomical Observatories of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Peking University. The active involvement of members of the Scientific Organizing Committee, crucial for the success of the meeting, is also acknowledged.

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**CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH****Part 1. Invited Reviews and Contributed Presentations**

1. SOC co-Chair Xiaowei Liu gives the welcome address



2. IAU President, and Planetary Nebula scholar, Silvia Torres-Peimbert delivers a very interesting introductory talk



**3.** Mike Barlow, SOC Member Arturo Manchado, and others are attentively following an interesting review



4. Participants discussing science during a break



5. SOC co-Chair Letizia Stanghellini enjoys coffee while discussing science with Invited Speaker Maria Lugaro



6. Astronomers connect with old and new friends and drink coffee

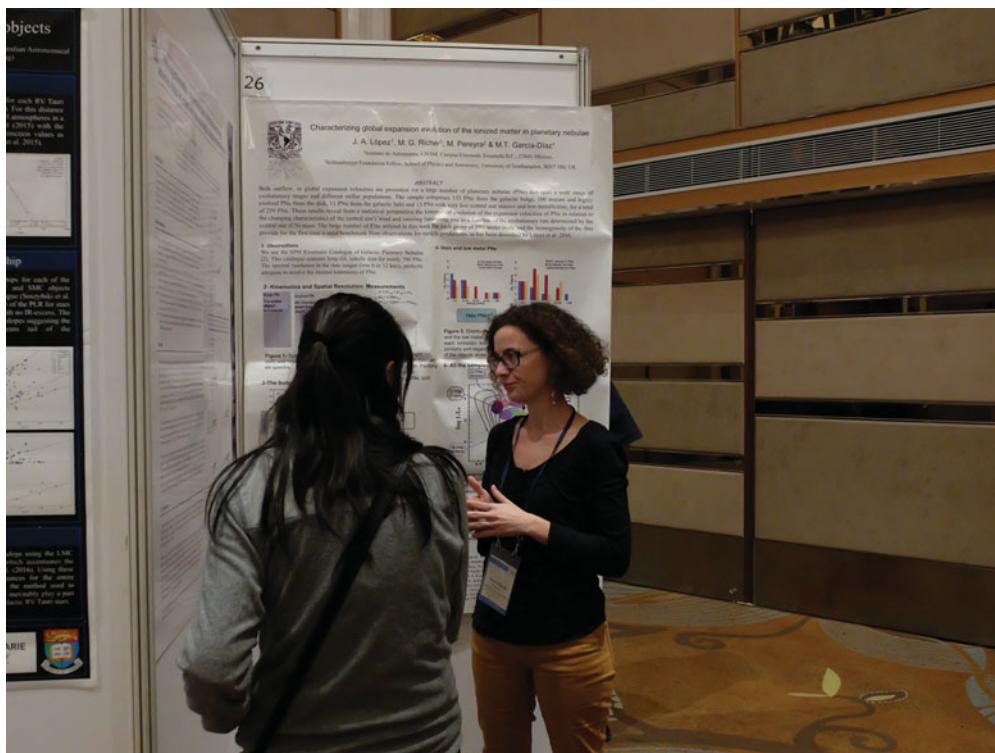


7. SOC Member Magda Arnaboldi and Devika Kamath at the coffee break



**8.** Invited speaker Flavia dell'Agli and Jorge Gardia-Rojas enjoying coffee break

## Part 2. Poster Presentation



9. Invited speaker Gloria Delgado-Ingla views the posters



**10.** Poster viewing and science discussion

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