

The second meeting of the season will be on **Monday 7th October**, it starts at **8pm** sharp in our usual venue of **Ballyclare High School Lecture Theatre**

[Directions can be found here.](#)



We are pleased to announce that our second speaker for the season is **Prof. Michael Burton** Director of Armagh Observatory/Planetarium. He will be giving a talk entitled **Astronomy in Antarctica.**

About Michael: *My academic career includes significant periods in the USA (NASA, Mauna Kea Observatory), Australia (Anglo Australian Observatory, University of New South Wales),*

Chile (Universidad de Chile, Chajnantor Observatory), Antarctica (South Pole and the high Antarctic Plateau), as well as Ireland (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies) and the UK (Universities of Cambridge, Edinburgh, Leeds, the Royal Greenwich Observatory and Armagh).

I am an astronomer, with primary research expertise in the formation of stars within the molecular clouds of our Galaxy, and an educator, with 25 years university-level teaching (including Director of Teaching in Physics in a large university), combined together with an active involvement in science communication and outreach.

Of my contributions to service in my discipline, I am currently President of the largest Division of the International Astronomical Union (Division B - Facilities, Technology, Data Science).

I was the Editor of the Journal of the Royal Society of New South Wales for 5 years – one of the oldest peer reviewed publications in the Southern Hemisphere.

I am a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Astronomical Society of Australia, the Australian Institute of Physics and the Royal Society of New South Wales.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Michael along to the society for the first time. I'm sure it will be a fascinating talk of doing Astronomy in such a harsh environment.

Please note: Under 16's are very welcome but due to our child protection policy, we ask that they are accompanied by an adult.

As always we will have refreshments available after the meeting, a donation bucket is available at the door if you wish to support us in our work!

Hope to see you all there!