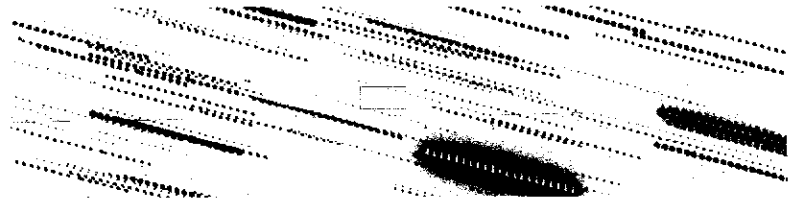


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Dr. Tim Spahr
IAWN Manager

Dear Tim,

I write to you as the principle investigator of the Victoria Near-Earth object tracking program. The program was started by Dr. J. B. Tatum at the University of Victoria in 1976. I have been the principle observer of the program since that time and became the PI in 2001 upon retirement of Dr. Tatum. Since 1991, the program has been conducted using the 1.82-m Plaskett telescope (observatory code 658) at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory (National Research Council of Canada). The average number of nights assigned to the program has been 180+ nights per year since 1991. Currently, I am scheduled for 220+ nights for FYI 2019. In addition, I have been awarded user access to the Canadian Space Agency NEOSSat (code C53) orbiting telescope. The program specializes in the astrometric follow-up of the faintest and most observationally challenging NEOs.

I now formally request induction into the International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN) as an active and long-term investigator. I have read the IAWN Charter and statement of intent and understand the obligations of IAWN members.

Regards,


David D. Balam