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International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN)

Dear Dr. Johnson,

On behalf of the Visnjan Observatory (VO) I wish to inform you that we wish to join the International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN). A brief description of possible contributions to the IAWN by the Visnjan Observatory is attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix: Visnjan Observatory's participation in IAWN

Visnjan Observatory (VO) pledges time on it's facilities for survey, follow-up and physical characterisation of minor planets in the Solar System. VO has more than 25 years of asteroid observing, discovery and follow-up (MPC code 120), and after a prolonged hiatus wishes to rejoin the international community, Visnjan Observatory, Tican (MPC code L01).

Albeit the main goal of the VO is operational asteroid observation, we put major effort in educating students and future experts in the field of Solar System science. Through this membership we wish to contribute to the asteroid community, as well as enable up-and-coming young scientists to gain more exposure on the international level. It is out wish to increase the awareness of the necessity of practical education, and we intend to offer student training on our facilities if the need within IAWN arises.

Facility	Location	Observation	Contributions
Visnjan Observatory, Tican 1m f/2.9 telescope equipped with 3056 × 3056 12 × 12 µm CCD	MPC code L01, Tican, Croatia	Discovery, follow-up and physical characterization	NEO follow-up, possibly survey, lightcurve measurements, critical observations

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