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On behalf of the Associazione Romana Astrofili (A.R.A.), an Italian amateur astronomer group, we ask to join the International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN).

The Roman Amateur Astronomer Association (A.R.A.) has been established in 1982; since 1995 it has managed the Frasso Sabino Astronomical Observatory (Rieti-Italy), 50 Km north of Rome. The Observatory is equipped with a Cassegrain telescope (37cm diameter with focal reducer F 6.8) and a Moravian C3 CMOS camera with B, V, R, I Bessel and r', g', SDSS filters. The FOW is 32' x 21'.

Since 1995 one of the main activities of Frasso Sabino Observatory was the asteroids and comets astrometry. From 1995 157 Frasso Sabino Observatory discovered two asteroids (34138 Frassosabino and 257439 Peppeprospolini) and obtained over 888 MPECs (86 MPECs with discoveries and 802 without discoveries) and 5745 observations in MPECs. In 1998 we got the MPC 157 code.

In 2021 the 157- A.R.A Observatory won the Planetary Society Gene Shoemaker NEO grant.

As to increase the observation's outcome, ARA's members decided to transform the Observatory in a remotely controlled structure and the works are nearly to be completed.

I understand the roles and responsibilities of IAWN members according to the Statement of Intent.

Regards

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