

INTERNET ACTION

A list of useful internet resources

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There is enormity of information and resources available over the Internet, via e-mail and the worldwide web (WWW). Change happens so much that nearly any list of URLs (Uniform Resource Locators or web addresses) becomes soon out-of-date. There are, however, several sites that have excellent links to countless resources, and are updated quite regularly. A few "favored" sites are listed below.

E-MAIL: Join a Planetarium E-mail list!

An e-mail list, sometimes called "listserv" or "majordomo," is a group of e-mail subscribers, each of whom can send an e-mail message to the entire group by sending a single message to one e-mail address. The premier e-mail list for planetarians is *Dome-L* and instructions for how to subscribe are at the web page:

<http://www.ips-planetarium.org/domesub.html>

There are many more listservs that you may find useful, depending on your specific interests, and how much time you care to devote to reading your e-mail. For example, you can get on a listserv to receive NASA Press Releases at http://www.nasa.gov/news/newsroom/NF_SN_Subscribe.html

WEB SITES

Search

<http://www.google.com> -- miraculous results if used cleverly.

Planetarium Societies

- <http://www.ips-planetarium.org> -- International Planetarium Society (IPS). Links to many planetarium vendors and companies can be found through the IPS vendors page at <http://www.ips-planetarium.org/ips-vendors.html>. PDF file of Planetaria Around the World is at <http://www.ips-planetarium.org/ips-around.htm>
- <http://www.ips-planetarium.org/ips-affiliates.html> -- IPS Affiliate Organizations
- <http://www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/glpa.html> -- The Great Lakes Planetarium Association. Good source for publications and resources.
- <http://www.rmpadomes.org> -- The Rocky Mountain Planetarium Association. Lots of articles, links, resources for members.
- <http://www.digistardomes.org> -- Digistar Users Group (DUG)
- <http://www.ilda.wa.org/> -- International Laser Display Association (ILDA) for those involved or just interested in what's going on with the laser light show industry. Online publication: the *Laserist*.

PLANETARIUM.NET

<http://planetarium.net> is a site dedicated to planetarium professionals and astronomy educators. Items include: industry news, articles, a discussion group, classified ads. Managed by Rovy Branon. Access require registering and getting a user name and password (no charge).

NASA

There are a huge number of resource for planetarium people at NASA web sites. A few "gateway" URLs are below.

- <http://www.nasa.gov> -- Main NASA homepage
- <http://spacelink.msfc.nasa.gov> -- Spacelink (educational resources)
- <http://oposite.stsci.edu> -- Space Telescope Science Institute Office of Public Outreach
- <http://www.cotf.edu> -- Classroom of the Future
- <http://lhs.berkeley.edu/sii/URLs/WhatsNASA.html> -- miscellaneous links to NASA Projects and Missions, NASA Centers and Facilities, NASA Image Archives, NASA Educational Resources, NASA Data Archives, NASA News , NASA Themes

Astronomy Organizations

- <http://www.aspsky.org> -- Astronomical Society of the Pacific.
- <http://www.aas.org> -- American Astronomical Society on-line directory.
- <http://planetary.org/> -- The Planetary Society. Lots of good planetary science information, including photos.
- <http://www.apollo-society.org> -- The Apollo Society homepage, a space exploration enthusiasts group. Lots of good space-related links.
- <http://www.darksky.org/> -- International Dark Sky Association.
- <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/astroweb/dept.html> -- Astro Web (dozens of links to magazines, observatories, societies, universities, etc.)
- <http://www.lawrencehalloffscience.org/sii/URLs/URLs-AstroOrg-Obs.html> -- Links to many observatories and organizations

Companies

<http://lhs.berkeley.edu/sii/URLs/URLs-AstroCompanies.html>

Magazines

- <http://www.kalmbach.com/astro/astronomy.html> -- ASTRONOMY Magazine.
- <http://www.skypub.com/> -- SKY Online (Sky Publishing Corporation). Has calendars of events and directories of observatories and planetariums.

News

- <http://www.scicentral.com> -- a gateway to over 50,000 scientific sites pertaining to over 120 specialties in science and engineering ranging from health, biological, earth, physical, and engineering sciences, to government and institutional listings.
- <http://www.spaceflightnow.com> -- excellent daily coverage of events in space exploration and astronomy.

<http://lhs.berkeley.edu/sii/URLs/URLs-Astronomy.html> -- More links...