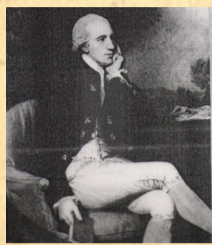


Connecting the past with the present through Open Access– IIA Archives

Historical scientific contents accessible from Open Access Repositories facilitate interactive communication in addition to their value for research publications.



William Petrie

Indian Institute of Astrophysics Open Access Repository received this copy of the portrait of its first Director William Petrie at Madras observatory from Winson Saw Chin Beng who was the compiler of the list of Governors at Penang (author of Piecing Penang History) when he observed that our collection at **Prints** (OA Repository of IIA), did not have the copy of the image. This was possible, because the historical contents at OA Repository is “Open” to the users.

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Know thy Ancestors

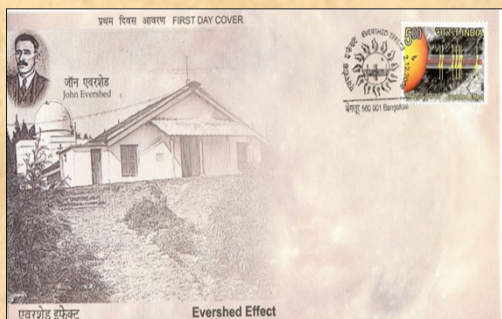


Transit of Venus in Kannada

Many times the availability of unpublished historical manuscripts, correspondence & photographs in any archives can be connected to the astronomical events that keep occurring periodically and the information can be disseminated through open access mechanism. The unpublished scientific pamphlet on Transit of Venus by C. Ragoonatha Chary, the first assistant at the Madras Observatory, written in both Kannada & English were brought out as the IIA Archives Publication Series No; 3, during the recent Transit of Venus event occurred on 6th June 2012, available @ Prints.

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The person in the photograph on the right is presumed to be C. Ragoonatha Chary, by Ms. Cherry Armstrong, the great, great grand daughter of N R Pogson, when she came across the image in our OA Repository soliciting the identity of the individual.



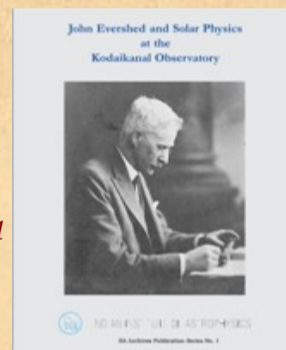
First day cover and stamp cancellation on Evershed Effect

To commemorate the centenary of the discovery of the Evershed effect at Kodaikanal the First day cover and the stamp was brought out by the India post in the year 2009 using the Evershed collection uploaded in the OA Repository.

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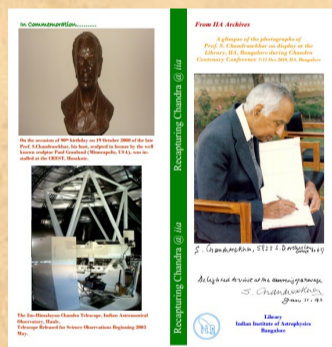
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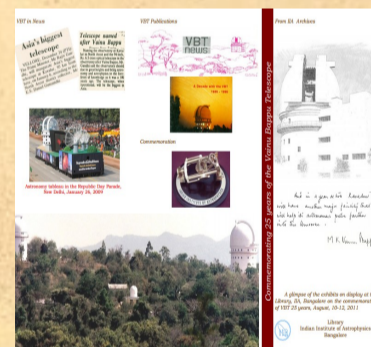
OA facilitates popularisation of science

Photographic Exhibitions of illustrious astronomers and the facilities are organized from time to time, and the glimpses of those photographs are presented as fliers in the OA Repository for access



The photographs thus displayed have been re-used for popularization programmes and for educational purposes.

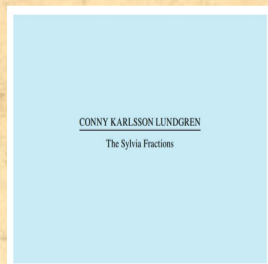
Some of these photographs are featured as cover images in scientific publications



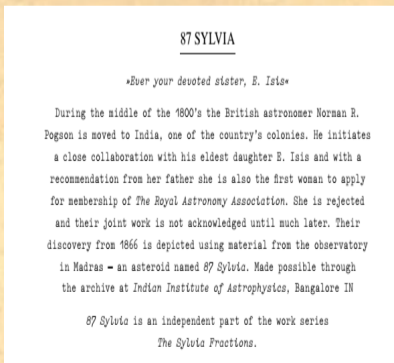
OA leads to Artistic display

Recently the historical contents accessible through IIA Open Access Repository has attracted a visual Swedish artist Conny Karlsson Lundgren, to make use of some of the contents on Isis Pogson, the daughter of N.R.Pogson for an art exhibition at Sweden.

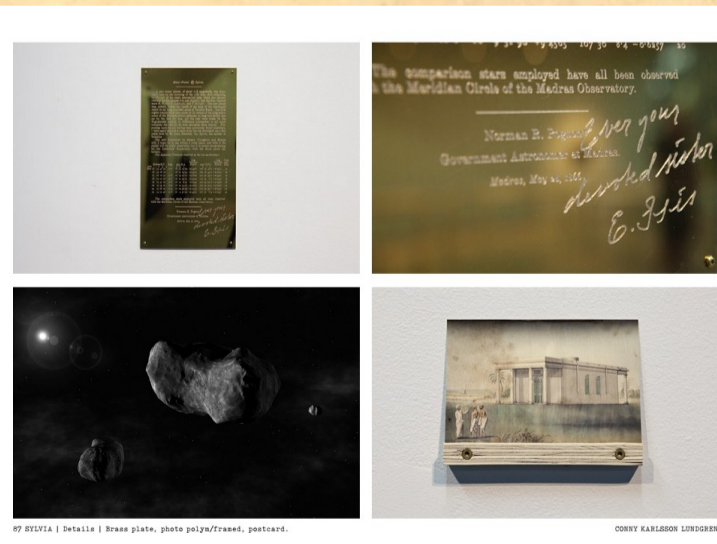
<http://www.connykarlsson.se/87-Sylvia>



The Sylvia Fractions



87 Sylvia 2013



87 SYLVIA | Details | Brass plate, photo paper/Frame, postcard.

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87 SYLVIA | Details | Artistic pigment print, letter size.

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Can you identify this instrument @ Kodaikanal*

IIA Library has been participating in the “Open Access Week” program for the last four years by designing posters and Book Marks, on OA @ IIA.

To view those posters visit

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