

(12789) Salvadoraguirre = 1995 TX

Discovered 1995 Oct. 14 by C. W. Hergenrother at Kitt Peak.

Salvador Aguirre (b. 1952) is an avid amateur astronomer from Hermosillo, Mexico. He has conducted many observations of variable stars, asteroid occultations, meteors and comets. He has also helped popularize and coordinate amateur astronomical research within Mexico.

(13554) Declair = 1992 JL₁

Discovered 1992 May 8 by H. Debehogne at the European Southern Observatory.

Hugo Declair (b. 1939) is Professor Emeritus in the geography department of the University of Brussels whose research interests include glaciology and climatology. He participated in several expeditions to Antarctica and is a co-founder of the International Polar Foundation.

(17657) Himawari = 1996 VO₄

Discovered 1996 Nov. 6 by N. Sato at Chichibu.

Himawari, which means "sunflower", is the name of a series of Japanese weather satellites. Himawari-1 was launched in 1977, and the latest, Himawari-7, was launched in 2006.

(18431) Stazzema = 1994 BM

Discovered 1994 Jan. 16 by M. Tombelli and A. Boattini at Cima Ekar.

Stazzema, a pleasant village located in the Alpi Apuane mountains of Tuscany, Italy. Since 2000, it has been the site of the Italian Park of Peace. Name proposed by Mario Di Martino.

(18461) Seiichikanno = 1995 QQ

Discovered 1995 Aug. 17 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Seiichi Kanno (b. 1954) is an education consultant and an amateur astronomer, who has observed the planets since 1970. He built an observatory in Kaminoyama city, Yamagata, in 1989, and now observes the planets with a video camera.

(18469) Hakodate = 1995 UC₉

Discovered 1995 Oct. 20 by N. Sato and T. Urata at Chichibu.

Hakodate, located at the southern-most part of Hokkaido, is a prosperous city of fishing and tourism. The night view from Mount Hakodate is one of the best tourist attractions in Japan.

(21126) Katsuyoshi = 1993 BJ₂

Discovered 1993 Jan. 19 by T. Seki at Geisei.

Katsuyoshi Yoshimi (b. 1951) is an amateur astrophotographer and has contributed to many minor-planet discoveries at Geisei Observatory by hyper-sensitizing films for use at the observatory.

(21368) Shiodayama = 1997 LE₁₀

Discovered 1997 June 6 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Shiodayama is a 406-m mountain located in the north of the discoverer's home town, Shirataka, Yamagata prefecture, Japan.

(22490) Zigamiyama = 1997 GB₂₆

Discovered 1997 Apr. 11 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Zigamiyama is a 1850-m mountain located in the western part of the Iide mountain range, in the Bandai-Asahi National Park. It is a popular area for Japanese mountain climbers.

(23638) Nagano = 1997 AV₆

Discovered 1997 Jan. 6 by N. Sato at Chichibu.

Nagano Prefecture lies in the center of Honshu Island, Japan. It shares borders with eight prefectures, the most in Japan. In 1998 the 18th Winter Olympic Games were held there.

(35324) Orlandi = 1997 ET₇

Discovered 1997 Mar. 7 at the Osservatorio San Vittore, Bologna.

Stefano Orlandi (b. 1944), has been a lover of stars since childhood. In 1990 he founded the T.L.C. observatory for deep-sky photography and astrometry of comets and minor planets.

(35326) Lucastrabla = 1997 EV₇

Discovered 1997 Mar. 7 at the Osservatorio San Vittore, Bologna.

Luca Strabla (b. 1963) is an Italian engineer and amateur astronomer. His astronomical interests include photometry, minor-body astrometry and software development. He is a co-founder of the Bassano Bresciano Observatory, and he planned and built the electronic part of the automatic robotic telescope located there.

(48960) Clouet = 1998 QR₂₆

Discovered 1998 Aug. 25 by R. Roy at Blauvac.

Bernard Clouet (b. 1931) was general secretary of the French Astronomical Society and an observer of double stars. He co-founded the astronomical association of workers of the French Railways and was its president for many years.

(49384) Hubertnaudot = 1998 XX₉

Discovered 1998 Dec. 12 by R. Roy at Blauvac.

Hubert Naudot (1913-1994) was an engineer who worked in the French Railways (SNCF) and was involved in the creation of the astronomical association of the SNCF. He taught astronomy to children and was a French pioneer of astronomical calculations using personal computers in the 1980s.

(56041) Luciendumont = 1998 XO₄

Discovered 1998 Dec. 8 by R. Roy at Blauvac.

Lucien Dumont (b. 1913) is an aeronautics engineer who worked for the French Railways (SNCF). In 1978, he initiated the creation of the astronomical association of the SNCF.

(58345) Moomintroll = 1995 CZ₁

Discovered 1995 Feb. 7 by D. J. Asher at Siding Spring.

Moomintroll is the central character of the classic 1946 novel *Comet in Moominland* (Swedish title *Kometjakten*) by Finnish author Tove Jansson. Moomintroll and his friends discover that a comet is on a collision orbit with the Earth and the story details their adventures to avoid the threatened catastrophe.

(73984) Claudebernard = 1998 DJ₂₀

Discovered 1998 Feb. 26 by R. Roy at Blauvac.

Claude Bernard (b. 1931) worked in the French Railways (SNCF) as a train driver. He is an avid solar observer who has gathered visual observations of sunspots and tried to correlate them with terrestrial phenomena. He co-founded the astronomical association of the SNCF.

(79152) Abukumagawa = 1993 FX₃

Discovered 1993 Mar. 17 by T. Seki at Geisei.

Abukumagawa River originates in Mt. Kashi-Asahidake. It runs south to north through Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures, winding its way through the major cities in central Fukushima prefecture, before flowing into the Pacific Ocean.