

(6749) Ireentje = 7068 P-L

Discovered 1960 Oct. 17 by C. J. van Houten and I. van Houten-Groeneveld on Palomar Schmidt plates taken by T. Gehrels.

Named in honor of the discoverers' second granddaughter, Irene Cornelia Francisca van Houten, daughter of Karel and Thea van Houten.

(6750) Katgert = 1078 T-1

Discovered 1971 Mar. 24 by C. J. van Houten and I. van Houten-Groeneveld on Palomar Schmidt plates taken by T. Gehrels.

Named in honor of Peter Katgert (b. 1944), astronomer at the Leiden Observatory, and his wife, Leiden astronomer Jet Ketgert-Merkelijn (b. 1943). Peter's main research interests are the statistics of radio sources and also the formation and dynamics of clusters of galaxies. Jet is now working on the archives of J. H. Oort.

(6751) van Genderen = 1114 T-1

Discovered 1971 Mar. 25 by C. J. van Houten and I. van Houten-Groeneveld on Palomar Schmidt plates taken by T. Gehrels.

Named in honor of Arnout van Genderen (b. 1936), astronomer at the Leiden Observatory, whose main interest is photometry of η Carinae, eclipsing variable stars, VBLUW photometry of OB stars and the photometric variability of hypergiants.

(6775) Giorgini = 1989 GJ

Discovered 1989 Apr. 5 by E. F. Helin at Palomar.

Named in honor of Jon D. Giorgini, who has contributed significantly to radar astronomy of minor planets through his development of an On-Site Orbit Determination software system. This allows radar astrometric measurements to be used immediately to improve a target's orbit, and hence yields ephemerides for pointing, time delay and doppler frequency. Since the system became operational at Goldstone in 1993, there has been an order-of-magnitude improvement in the efficiency with which radar observations can progress. In particular, Giorgini's software was key to the success of the radar imaging of (1620) Geographos in Aug. 1994 and (6489) Golevka in June 1995. Citation prepared by D. K. Yeomans and S. J. Ostro.

(6793) Palazzolo = 1991 YE

Discovered 1991 Dec. 30 at Bassano Bresciano.

Named for the village of Palazzolo sull'Oglio, situated between Brescia and Bergamo and crossed by the river Oglio. The village is noted for its industries, including the first Italian factories for making cement and buttons. With a current population of 16 000, Palazzolo is famous all over the world for its production of spinning machines and zippers. Discoveries of Roman relics attest to its very ancient origins.

(6800) Saragamine = 1994 UC

Discovered 1994 Oct. 29 by A. Nakamura at Kuma Kogen.

Named for a mountain (height 1271 m) located in the north of Kuma, the town where this minor planet was discovered. Situated in a park, Mt. Saragamine is popular with campers and hikers.

(6801) Střekov = 1995 UM₁

Discovered 1995 Oct. 22 by Z. Moravec at Kleť.

Named for a castle situated near the town Ústí nad Labem in northern Bohemia. The castle, founded in 1318, towers above the river Labe on a steep rock 100-m high and dominates the town. Thanks to its advantageous position, the town was never conquered. Střekov is also the name of a district in the town, the discoverer's birthplace.

(6804) Maruseppu = 1995 WV

Discovered 1995 Nov. 16 by A. Nakamura at Kuma Kogen.

Named for a small town (population 2400) in eastern Hokkaido. Since 1994, Maruseppu has been promoting inter-town friendship with Kuma, where this minor planet was discovered.

(6826) Lavoisier = 1989 SD₁

Discovered 1989 Sept. 26 by E. W. Elst at the European Southern Observatory.

Named for Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier (1743–1794), father of modern chemistry. In a memoir presented to the Paris Academy in 1777 he explained combustion as the result of the combination of a burning substance with oxygen (that name being due to Lavoisier). In his 1789 *Traité élémentaire de Chimie* he gave a list of simple substances that could not be further decomposed by any known process, thus providing the concept of a chemical element. He was also associated with committees on hygiene, coinage and public education. His membership in the Ferme Générale caused the authorities to be suspicious of him during the French Revolution, and he was condemned to the guillotine. The day after the execution, Lagrange lamented: "It required only a moment to sever that head, and perhaps a century will not be sufficient to produce another like it".

EPHEMERIDES

1996 DH		$a, e, i = 1.59, 0.28, 17$				Elements <i>MPC</i> 26883		
Date	TT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Δ	r	ϵ	ϕ	V
1996 03 28		08 35.52	+04 50.5	1.154	1.878	121.4	27.0	19.4
1996 04 07		08 35.04	+04 32.4	1.232	1.853	111.8	30.1	19.6
1996 04 17		08 38.57	+04 06.8	1.313	1.826	103.2	32.3	19.8
1996 04 27		08 45.53	+03 32.1	1.395	1.798	95.6	33.9	19.9
1996 05 07		08 55.32	+02 47.0	1.474	1.768	88.7	34.8	20.0
1996 05 17		09 07.46	+01 51.0	1.549	1.736	82.5	35.3	20.1
1996 05 27		09 21.61	+00 43.4	1.617	1.703	76.9	35.4	20.2
1996 06 06		09 37.46	-00 35.9	1.678	1.668	71.8	35.3	20.2
1996 06 16		09 54.82	-02 06.8	1.732	1.632	67.2	35.0	20.2
1996 06 26		10 13.58	-03 49.2	1.777	1.595	62.9	34.6	20.2

1996 EN		$a, e, i = 1.51, 0.43, 38$				Elements <i>MPC</i> 26883		
Date	TT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Δ	r	ϵ	ϕ	V
1996 03 28		09 43.98	+22 07.8	0.692	1.553	132.7	28.2	16.9
1996 04 07		09 33.19	+28 27.7	0.734	1.493	118.0	36.3	17.2
1996 04 17		09 28.29	+33 25.2	0.786	1.431	105.6	42.5	17.4
1996 04 27		09 29.34	+37 13.1	0.840	1.367	95.1	47.2	17.6
1996 05 07		09 35.81	+40 09.0	0.889	1.302	86.3	50.7	17.7
1996 05 17		09 46.96	+42 26.7	0.928	1.235	78.9	53.5	17.8
1996 05 27		10 02.20	+44 16.5	0.953	1.168	72.8	56.0	17.8
1996 06 06		10 20.90	+45 45.5	0.961	1.102	67.8	58.4	17.7
1996 06 16		10 42.60	+46 57.2	0.950	1.039	63.7	61.2	17.7
1996 06 26		11 06.91	+47 53.5	0.917	0.981	60.7	64.7	17.6

1996 EO		$a, e, i = 1.35, 0.40, 22$				Elements <i>MPC</i> 26883		
Date	TT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Δ	r	ϵ	ϕ	V
1996 03 28		11 18.30	-04 05.8	0.451	1.435	162.5	12.0	18.3
1996 04 07		10 57.41	-06 09.9	0.541	1.489	148.4	20.6	19.0
1996 04 17		10 46.55	-07 38.1	0.646	1.540	136.8	26.5	19.7
1996 04 27		10 43.19	-08 48.5	0.763	1.587	127.0	30.4	20.2