

Who will win an Arthur?

The short-lists for the 2008 Sir Arthur Clarke awards include Stephen Hawking, Heather Couper, Piers Sellers ... and you!

Each year, there are various awards for the best in film, TV, the theatre and music, but there is also an award designed to recognise and reward the best in UK space research and exploration. The 2008 Sir Arthur Clarke awards - the space equivalent of the Oscars® - will be presented at a gala dinner at this year's UK Space Conference at Charterhouse School in Surrey. The awards event will be attended by astronaut Joe Engle and George Abbey, former director of the Johnson Space Center.

I am delighted to confirm that "Planetary Defense" has been short-listed for the Award for Best Film Presentation, and I would like to invite you and a guest to the dinner and awards evening which takes place on the evening of **Saturday 29th March**. Details are in the attached file. If you cannot attend personally, we would be happy for you to nominate someone to represent you.

A news release is also attached which gives information about the UK Space Conference and the Sir Arthur Clarke Awards, and includes the full short-list of nominees. Please feel free to make as much use of this as you wish, e.g. on your website, in newsletters, to other organisations and to the news media. Do please let me know of any coverage of the awards that you hear about. Copies of the release are being sent to national press and TV.

You can find further information on the awards at www.clarkeawards.org and about the conference at www.spaceconference.org.uk

There is also an opportunity for Space Viz Productions to support the conference and the Sri-Lankan charity Saravodya. This year's prime sponsors are EADS Astrium, but there is still opportunity for other organisations to be involved, through the following sponsorship packages:

Gold Level	Exhibition space and an 8-place table at the Awards:	£1,500
Silver Level	A half-table (4-places) at the Awards:	£ 500

Other sponsorship opportunities include

- the Student Opportunities Event (Careers Fair)
- advertising in the conference book
- sponsoring a conference session
- conference meals or refreshments

If you would like to take advantage of this special opportunity, and to attend the awards with friends and colleagues, I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Meanwhile, many congratulations on your nomination, and I look forward to welcoming you on March 29.

Regards,



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Director, the Sir Arthur Clarke Awards

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