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To: Members of the World Heritage Committee

CC: - Delegations of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention
- Advisory Bodies of the World Heritage Committee (ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN)
- International Astronomical Union (IAU)
- WHC/IAU Working Group on Astronomy and World Heritage

Dear Madam, Sir,

I have the honour to invite you to the side-event on the presentation of the Thematic Initiative "Astronomy and World Heritage" organized by the Central Astronomical Observatory at Pulkovo during the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee in St. Petersburg.

This side-event will take place on 28 June 2012 from 8 PM at the Pulkovo Observatory, 65, Pulkovo Chaussee in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. Please find attached a preliminary programme of this event.

I would appreciate if you could confirm your participation by e-mail (stepanov@gao.spb.ru and a.sidorenko@unesco.org) and transmit to us with your completed participant form attached indicating your possible need of transportation from the Taurida Palace to the Pulkovo Observatory.

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We look forward to seeing you at the Pulkovo Observatory in Saint-Petersburg.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Alexander Stepanov
Director

Central Astronomical Observatory at Pulkovo