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NameExoWorlds

An IAU Worldwide Contest to Name Exoplanets

A list of 305 well-characterized exoplanets, discovered prior to 31 December 2008, has been selected for naming by the IAU Exoplanets for the Public Working Group and is being published on the [NameExoWorlds.org website](http://NameExoWorlds.org). These exoplanets belong to 260 exoplanetary systems comprising one to five members, in addition to the host star.



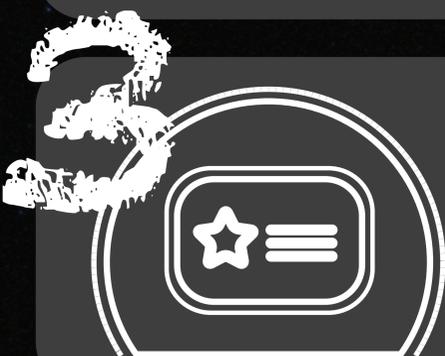
1 Organisations register

Astronomy clubs and non-profit organisations interested in naming these exoplanets shall register on the IAU Directory for World Astronomy website (directory.iau.org).



2 Organisations pick Exoworlds to be named

Organizations will be asked to vote for the 20–30 top exoplanetary systems they wish to name out of the list provided by the IAU.



3 Organisations suggest names

Organisations send in proposals for the name(s) of members of these selected systems (including the host star) for one exoplanetary system.



4 People vote their favourite names

The general public will be able to vote to rank the proposed names. The IAU and Zooniverse will be ready to handle a million votes or more worldwide.

The IAU, via its Public Naming of Planets and Planetary Satellites Working Group, will oversee the final stages of the contest, and will validate the winning names from the vote. The results will be announced at a special public ceremony held during the IAU XXIX General Assembly in Honolulu, USA, 3–14 August 2015.