

PRESS RELEASE: "LITTLE HANS"

Despite being a rather late, the Jury of the Little Hans is happy to announce that on 21st November 2012

THE LITTLE HANS 2011

was presented to

astronomer HUIB HENRICHS terrestrial representative of



VOYAGER ONE

WINNER LITTLE HANS 2011

In the late 70s and early 80s Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune had positions in the solar system which made investigation with a space probe relatively easy. The probe didn't need much energy as it could hop from one field of gravity to another.

In 1977 Voyager One was launched from Cape Canaveral. Besides a wealth of measuring equipment and cameras on board, there was also a golden CD with messages from the Earth's inhabitants in case Voyager One encountered an extraterrestrial civilisation.

On 5th March 1979 Voyager One sighted Jupiter and began to take photographs.



Jupiter's Great Red Spot

From there its journey continued until Saturn was reached on 12th November 1980. Voyager One's goal had now been reached. Investigation of the other two planets required the launching of Voyager Two.

The last celestial body registered by Voyager One was Titan, one of The Saturn's moons. Then it turned north and chose a path which eventually took it outside our solar system. The Reagan Administration declared the Voyager Project was over and tried to put a stop to it. However, that was not to be. Voyager One continued to take measurements and



Saturn with moon Titan

photographs. Thirty-five years on and it is still alive and kicking and has now reached the edge of the solar system.

At this moment Voyager One is 17,9 billion kilometres away and is travelling at the speed of 61452 kilometres per hour. To keep it working until 2020, those functions that cost a great deal of energy, such as taking and sending photographs, have been completely stopped.

By awarding the Little Hans to the spaceship Voyager One, the Jury expresses its thanks for the unique images of the universe that have been sent back and shows its appreciation of the staunch perseverance with which the journey still continues.

Prof.Dr. Huib Henrichs

Is an astronomer at the Astronomical Institute Anton Pannekoek, Amsterdam. He wrote a lucid article about the rich colours in space photographs such as those made by Voyager One.

http://staff.science.uva.nl/~huib/Kleur_in_de_astronomie2010.pdf

The Little Hans

The world's smallest photography prize is annually awarded to a work that would not have come about without a certain amount of compassion and modesty.

The Jury of the Little Hans

Hans Eijkelboom, Hans van der Meer, Hans Samsom, Hans Aarsman and Hans Wolf.

Winners of the Little Hans 2007 MrLee, the first cat with a camera www.mr-lee-catcam.de/pe_catcam1.htm

2008 Udo Zeeman, the photographic historian from Farmsum http://www.farmsum.net/foto/index.php

2009 Arjan de Nooy, the discoverer of a singular photo-history http://bit.ly/qAQTf1

2010

Mishka Henner, the photographer without a camera http://mishka.lockandhenner.com/blog/



Huib Henrichs with his Little Hans 2011