

Re: Could the IAU *officially* assign star names for a fee?

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In article <5c4631dbkg8bieh62kbt8rh978uq3ieis8@4ax.com>, Chris L Peterson wrote:

> (*And a word of warning – ISR has sued others for interfering with their
> business, so you might want to reserve a good legal budget. Harassment
> suits can be expensive, and these days ISR might even be granted a
> business practices patent on what they do!*)
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Then don't do it in the States. The only likely good to come from this proposal is going to be driving the scammers at ISR apoplectic with rage, so adding to their costs by forcing them to travel outside their home country to try any legal stuff and adding to their apoplexy by forcing them to become familiar with other countries' legal systems is all to the good. If the market research (which BTW, you should not need to set up a company to do – there are plenty of commercial organisations that will do this for you. For a fee, it's true. But you don't need to set up a company first.) shows that you'll actually get a significant income from this, and so be able to dispense some largesse to real astronomy, then that's all to the good.

But you'd be as likely, if not more likely, to get money from serious amateurs and interested people by advertising that this scheme will give the scammers at ISR heart attacks. That's a perfectly worthy cause in and of itself. You might even get me to dip my hands into the Wallet Moth refuge!

Slogan :

"Piss on ISR's Parade! Buy an IAU-recognised star designation."

I think we've just indulged in Internet-organised international terrorism, designed to undermine the American Way Of Life. Don't it make you feel allll-riiiight!

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