Variable Star Observing in Latin America: Past and Future *(Abstract)*

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The development of variable star observations in Latin America during the 20th century is reviewed and the perspectives for future development with classical (visual) and modern (CCD) technologies are analyzed. Some interesting results of the cooperative work at LIADA are also presented and future programs, to be developed starting this year, are commented upon.

AFOEV Report *(Abstract)*

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Abstract The current programs and publications of the Association Française des Observateurs d'Étoiles Variables (AFOEV), and its association with the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) are outlined.

Variables Down South *(Abstract)*

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Abstract A short account of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa is given, with special reference to the work of some prominent past Southern African variable star observers. New developments are mentioned and possible future trends in amateur work are examined.

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