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Dear Mr. Fässler and Mr. Barth,

I would like to inform you as chair of the IAU Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature (WGPSN) that it has been decided to keep the name "Agassiz Promontory" on the Moon.

No planetary feature is named after a person in honour of their political stance, no matter how noble, and no one who would otherwise qualify for such a naming is denied because of their political opinion.

Agassiz is being honored for his scientific work. For all of his controversial statements, he was not a criminal. He was never accused of participating in the horrors of any Nazi-equivalent regime, nor was he ever tried or convicted for war crimes. To refuse to name a feature after him because of his politics would open the door to making political judgements of other scientists, which is beyond the scope of the IAU.

Best regards,

Rita Schulz

On 9/14/2017 2:59 PM, Rita Schulz wrote:

Dear Mr. Fässler and Mr. Barth,

your email and letter was well received. The IAU WGPSN will now look into this issue. We will come back to you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Rita Schulz

On 9/10/2017 7:48 PM, Hans Fässler wrote:

*Hans Fässler, Weiherweidstrasse 5, 9000 St.Gallen, Switzerland*

*Hans Barth, Grand Rue 16, 1700 Fribourg, Switzerland*

Dear Madam,

Presently, a letter is on its way to your Paris address and to you as the chair of the "Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature". It deals with the lunar structure "Agassiz Promontory" (42.0°N 1.8°E). With this e-mail, in order to simplify matters, we would simply like to invite you to address your answer to this letter and all further communication to us in electronic form.

Our mail-addresses are:

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With best wishes and kind regards from Switzerland,

Hans Fässler, Hans Barth

