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Betreff: Re: IAU Turns Blind Eye on Racism
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Dear Mr. Fässler,

your letter seems to ignore the last message the IAU President received on June 16th, 2021 by the SCNAT President, Prof. Jürd Pfister, about the IAU position on the Agassiz case, which reads:

"Dear Prof. van Dishoeck,
...

We had discussed the draft in the Academy about 2 weeks ago and we found that, whereas some of the arguments might still be considered in a controversial way, your statement is quite comprehensive and detailed. So, altogether this helps in better understanding your position and **we agree that this now can and must be closed**. So, I do appreciate your letter and effort very much and I would like to thank you for this and also for the time that you took for our virtual meeting.

We will now inform Mr. Fässler about this and that we will consider the matter as closed as well.

Wishing you all the best, I remain with my best wishes,
Jürg Pfister"

I am sure that the above message is not going to change your mind, but for the sake of truth, I believe that the latest SCNAT position should be mentioned in your letter. It should be obvious that, for an International Union as the IAU, the position of a National Academy on any controversial matter supersedes that of a self appointed group of individuals.

Yours truly,
Piero Benvenuti

Il giorno dom 1 ago 2021 alle ore 12:37 Hans Fässler <hans.faessler@louverture.ch> ha scritto:

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Dear Mr Benvenuti

Please find attached to this e-mail the letter we have recently addressed to IAU-President Ewine F. van Dishoeck.

As a reaction to the refusal by the IAU to fulfill the request filed by the Swiss IAU member organisation SCNAT to rename lunar Promontorium Agassiz and as a reaction to the IAU's outrageous argumentation, we are now considering to launch an international campaign to expose those responsible for the IAU's continued honouring of racists and Nazi criminals.

You are one of them, as you will find in the attached letter. This letter will also go to the Swiss and the international press in the coming days and weeks.

Hoping that the IAU will come to their senses at last, we remain yours faithfully,

Hans Fässler
Sahsa Huber
Hans Barth

