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A 2023 Honorary Fellowship of the RAS is awarded to Dr. Premana Premadi

Dr. Premana Premadi is the Director of the Bosscha Observatory, the oldest modern observatory in Indonesia, President of the IAU National Committee for Astronomy in Indonesia, and Professor of Astrophysics at Bandung Institute of Technology. She has developed an astronomy curriculum at the Bandung Institute of Technology and she was Chair of the Indonesian Astronomical Society from 2001-2010. Her recent work combines education in astronomy and STEM training, with a focus on clean and renewable energy sources and water management systems in the remote region of Timor, where the government of Indonesia has funded the construction of a new observatory. Dr. Premadi has been heavily engaged in astronomy outreach in Indonesia, creating the Universe Awareness for Children (UNAWA) Indonesia project, part of the international UNAWA project that aims to introduce basic astronomy knowledge to children aged 4-10 years old. She works extensively with colleagues in the UK on projects supported by the UK Newton Fund.

For her leadership in the development of astronomy in Indonesia, as well as her work promoting astronomy as a tool for education, Dr. Premadi is awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the RAS.