

ECLIPTIC

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Greetings for the second [Ecliptic](#) newsletter of the year!

A few things need to be mentioned in this issue including imminent changes to [UKSEDS](#)' website, upcoming events and the first issue of [Aurora](#) for the year.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions please get in touch: we are on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) - as "[UKSEDS](#)" - and our webspace is can be found at [ukseds.org](#) .

Technical Hitch

[UKSEDS](#) received some less than fortunate news to the tune of the resignation of the committee member for technical affairs (aka "tech monkey"- sorry, Robin). Robin Moss has decided, after a good innings in this role, to no longer tend to the every whim of the [UKSEDS](#) committee (I think we were pushing it a bit, perhaps). He is looking forward to his finals soon, so best of luck to him with that.

As a reaction to this departure, the [UKSEDS](#) committee have had to think on our feet a bit. We've made the decision that the website will be maintained via the more hassle-free means of WordPress (as used by National Geographic and also [SEDS USA](#)). This should take a lot of the chore out of website maintenance, we hope.

A side effect of this will be a change in the membership database - this being ruled by the WordPress framework. Expect an email regarding your membership soon - we'll be signing you all up to the new system, if appropriate. We may have done it already!

UK Space Conference

[UKSEDS](#) committee at present are busying themselves with the organisation of a couple of events looming on the astro calendar. The most noteworthy of these - arguably - is the [UK Space Conference](#), which will have again a [UKSEDS](#) presence this year.

In addition to events planned for students, [UKSEDS](#) are able to offer students the chance to pick up on eof a limited number of [student bursaries](#). Each of these bursaries will enable a student to attend the conference on the 26th - 28th March, with food and accommodation provided, for a nominal fee of £20. If you are interested in this golden opportunity to find out more about the space sector in the UK, Europe & further afield, network with potential employers and other likeminded students, and more besides, then drop us a line at committee@ukseds.org .

UKSEDS Conference 2010 Proposals

After the success of the [UKSEDS Student Conference 2009](#) held at the [University of Surrey](#), we are looking for proposals for

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the next! If you would like to host this very exciting event, then get in touch with us. We've set a deadline of **Monday 8th March**, so drop us a line before this date.

Aurora

The articles are in for the upcoming issue of **Aurora** - a big "thank you" to those who submitted something. The process of typesetting, etc. will mean the magazine will be ready in a fortnight (all going well). If you have written something, or still intend on writing something, then we will most definitely look to include this in the next issue.



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