

Simon Newcomb Award, jointly to Martin Hellmich and Halley Davies

For their European Space Agency's award-winning video "*Ode to Hubble – Hubble's Universe*," that they co-wrote and co-produced.

A video is not, strictly speaking, a piece of writing, but it cannot happen without a lot of writing in the background.

In Martin and Halley's case, the final product is of exceptionally high quality. Its storytelling is remarkable in its simplicity, elegance, and eloquence. It is utterly charming while maintaining scientific accuracy. It is broadly appealing because it is humorous and respectful of astronomical history at the same time. The video tells its story effectively, and is highly engaging for viewers of all ages and knowledge levels.

"*Ode to Hubble – Hubble's Universe*," has already won a significant international award. The originality, literary merit, scientific accuracy, and the educational value of the work ensure its eligibility for the Simon Newcomb Award. It promotes the Society's objectives by bringing its story to audiences around the world.

"*Ode to Hubble – Hubble's Universe*," is a global astronomy outreach success story, and an inspired piece of astronomy writing deserving of the Simon Newcomb Award