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NOVA CYGNI 2005

H. Naito and N. Tokimasa, Nishi-Harima Astronomical Observatory (NHAO); and H. Yamaoka, Kyushu University, report: "A low-resolution spectrum (range 400–850 nm, resolution 150) of the possible nova reported on *IAUC* 8483, obtained on Feb. 11.8 UT with the NHAO 0.60-m telescope, shows prominent and broad Balmer lines in emission, which suggests that it is indeed a classical nova. The FWHM of the Hα line is 3200 km/s. The nearest object in the Digitized Sky Survey images is a star (mag $\sim$ 18) located $2''.5$ west-southwest of the reported position."

SUPERNOVA 2005af IN NGC 4945

A. V. Filippenko and R. J. Foley, University of California, Berkeley, report that inspection of CCD spectra (range 300–920 nm), obtained on Feb. 12 UT with the Keck I 10-m telescope (+ LRIS), shows that the possible supernova in NGC 4945 reported on *IAUC* 8482 is a supernova of type II, with well-developed P-Cyg profiles of H, Fe II, Ca II, and other species. The general appearance of the spectrum suggests the II-plateau subclass, perhaps 1 month after the explosion.

SUPERNOVA 2005ag

Further to *IAUC* 8478, W. Li reports the LOSS discovery of a supernova (mag 18.2) on a KAIT CCD image taken on Feb. 10.55 UT; SN 2005ag is located at $\alpha = 14^h56^m43^s.65$, $\delta = +9°19'42''.5$ (equinox 2000.0), which is $6''.5$ east and $5''.9$ north of the center of the apparent host galaxy. Filippenko and Foley add that inspection of noisy CCD spectra, obtained as above, shows that 2005ag is a supernova of type Ia, probably within a week of maximum brightness; the redshift of the host galaxy was not measured.

SUPERNOVAE 2004ht–2004io

Further to *IAUC* 8481, the additional co-authors should be added: J. Estrada and J. Marriner, Fermilab; A. Becker and G. Miknaitis, University of Washington; and J. Kaplan and R. Romani, Stanford University.

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Corrigendum. On *IAUC* 8480, lines 8–9, the data for Jan. 15.6344 should read as follows: fan 1, $150''$ in p.a. 282°; fan 2, $150''$ in p.a. 239°; fan 3, $30''$ in p.a. 211°.

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