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SATELLITES OF JUPITER AND SATURN

Further to *IAUC* 8502 and 8730, the IAU Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature (WGPSN) has approved the following new designations and names of satellites of Jupiter and Saturn:

Jupiter XLIX	Kore	=	S/2003 J 14
Saturn XXXVI	Aegir	=	S/2004 S 10
Saturn XXXVII	Bebhionn	=	S/2004 S 11
Saturn XXXVIII	Bergelmir	=	S/2004 S 15
Saturn XXXIX	Bestla	=	S/2004 S 18
Saturn XL	Farbauti	=	S/2004 S 9
Saturn XLI	Fenrir	=	S/2004 S 16
Saturn XLII	Fornjot	=	S/2004 S 8
Saturn XLIII	Hati	=	S/2004 S 14
Saturn XLIV	Hyrokkin	=	S/2004 S 19
Saturn XLV	Kari	=	S/2006 S 2
Saturn XLVI	Loge	=	S/2006 S 5
Saturn XLVII	Skoll	=	S/2006 S 8
Saturn XLVIII	Surtur	=	S/2006 S 7

RING OF URANUS

The IAU WGPSN has recently designated the Uranian ring 1986 U 2R (cf. *IAUC* 8373; Stone and Miner 1986, *Science* **233**, 39) the "zeta ring".

2006 VV_2

L. A. M. Benner, S. J. Ostro, and J. D. Giorgini, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), California Institute of Technology (CIT); M. W. Busch, CIT; R. Rose, M. A. Slade, and R. F. Jurgens, JPL/CIT; M. C. Nolan and A. A. Hine, Arecibo Observatory; G. J. Black, University of Virginia; and L. M. Carter, Smithsonian Institution, report that Goldstone (8560 MHz, 3.5 cm) and Arecibo (2380 MHz, 12.6 cm) radar observations during Mar. 27-Apr. 3 reveal that the minor planet 2006 VV_2 (cf. *MPEC* 2006-V47, 2006-W87), which passed only 0.0226 AU from the earth around Mar. 31.25 UT (with computed $V = 10.0$) and has $H = 16.7$ (*MPO* 118180), is a binary system. Preliminary estimates for the component diameters are 1.8 and > 0.3 km. The maximum orbital distance between the components is at least 1.5 km.

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