

(12931) Mario = 1999 TX10

Discovered Oct. 7, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Mario Sposetti (1916-1959) was the father of the discoverer.

(12932) Conedera = 1999 TC12

Discovered Oct. 10, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Marina Conedera (b. 1962) is the wife of the discoverer.

(15077) EdyAlge = 1999 CA

Discovered Feb. 2, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

The Swiss amateur astronomer Edy Alge (b. 1934) has built many homemade telescopes of various sizes and spent most of his time expressing enthusiasm for the science of astronomy.

(16110) Paganetti = 1999 WU8

Discovered Nov. 28, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Mariarosa Paganetti (b. 1925) is the mother of the discoverer.

(17190) RetoPezzoli = 1999 WY8

Discovered Nov. 28, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Reto Pezzoli (b. 1959) is the best friend of the discoverer. They have spent lots of unforgettable summer and winter nights observing meteors.

(18872) Tammann = 1999 VR20

Discovered Nov. 8, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Swiss cosmologist Gustav Tammann (b. 1932), a professor of astronomy at the University of Basle, is a world-renowned specialist in the determination of the Hubble constant.

(18874) RaoulBehrend = 1999 VZ22

Discovered Nov. 8, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Raoul Behrend (b. 1964) is a Swiss astronomer living in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. He is a specialist in stellar modeling but astrometry and photometry of minor planets are among his interests, too. He also strongly supports the collaboration between professional and amateur astronomers.

(20624) DarioZanetti = 1999 TB12

Discovered Oct. 9, 1999, by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Dario Zanetti (b. 1959) is a skilled artisan. He helped greatly in the construction of the observatory where this minor planet was discovered

(21650) Tilgner = 1999 OB1

Discovered 1999 Jul. 17 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Bruno Tilgner (1933-2002) spent most of his career working for the European Space Agency. He later became a member of the strategy office. He greatly helped the discoverer in the identification of artificial satellites.

(22769) AureliaNora = 1999 BD4

Discovered 1999 Jan. 19 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Aurelia Sposetti (b. 1989) and Nora Sposetti (1991-1991) are the daughters of the discoverer.

(22898) Falce = 1999 TF12

Discovered 1999 Oct. 10 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Renato Conedera (1922-1997), nicknamed Falce, was the discoverer's father-in-law.

(29753) Silvo = 1999 CY4

Discovered 1999 Feb. 10 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Silvo Sposetti (b. 1993) is the son of the discoverer.

(31555) Wheeler = 1999 EV2

Discovered 1999 Mar. 7 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

John Archibald Wheeler (b. 1911), one of the world's finest theoretical physicists, was a professor at Princeton and later at the University of Texas. From nuclear physics and quantum theory, to relativity and gravitation, Wheeler's work has set the trajectory of research for more than half a century.

(33433) Maurilia = 1999 EZ4

Discovered 1999 Mar. 14 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Maurilia Sposetti (b. 1957) is the sister of the discoverer.

(45261) DeCoen = 2000 AB2

Discovered 2000 Jan. 02 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Miss Yvette Decoen (b. 1951) is an esteemed physics teacher in the Bellinzona College and a friend of the discoverer.

(45305) PaulScherrer = 2000 AH48

Discovered 2000 Jan. 4 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Paul Scherrer (1890–1969) studied physics and mathematics. Together with Peter Debye, he became head of the Physics Institute of the ETH in Zurich. His memory is honoured by the choice of his name for the Paul Scherrer Institute in Switzerland.

(47164) Ticino = 1999 TX13

Discovered 1999 Oct. 10 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Ticino is one of the cantons of Switzerland. The Observatory of Gnosca lies in the center of this beautiful region where this minor planet was discovered.

(50033) Perelman = 2000 AF48

Discovered 2000 Jan. 3 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Grigorij (Grisha) Yakovlevich Perelman (b. 1966) made landmark contributions to Riemannian geometry and geometric topology. In particular, it appears that he has proven the famous Poincaré conjecture. In Aug. 2006 Perelman was awarded the Fields Medal. However, he declined to accept. The name was suggested by P. Venzi.

(56100) LuisaPolli = 1999 BM14

Discovered 1999 Jan. 24 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Luisa Polli (1897-1985) lived in Oggebbio, Italy, and was a sister of the discoverer's grandmother.

(59239) AlHazen = 1999 CR2

Discovered 1999 Feb. 7 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Abu Ali al-Hasan ibn al-Haytham (965-1040) was an astronomer, mathematician, doctor, philosopher and physicist. His work mainly dealt with the study of the visual phenomenon and with optical geometry. The name was suggested by P. Venzi.

(61195) Martinoli = 2000 OU2

Discovered 2000 Jul. 28 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Piero Martinoli (b. 1941) is professor of physics and leader of the superconductivity research group at the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland.

(61384) ArturoRomer = 2000 QW

Discovered 2000 Aug. 22 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Arturo Romer (b. 1944) studied physics and mathematics. He directed the Liceo Cantonale Locarno and is now director of the association Elettività della Svizzera Italiana.

(61386) Namikoshi = 2000 QT1

Discovered 2000 Aug. 24 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Japanese practitioner Tokujiro Namikoshi (1905-2000) was the founder of the Namikoshi Shiatsu therapy, which involves massage by thumb. His definition of Shiatsu was "The heart of Shiatsu is like a mother's love. Pressure of the finger causes the spring of life to flow".

(61401) Schiff = 2000 QQ6

Discovered 2000 Aug. 25 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

In 1960 Leonard Schiff (1915-1971) proposed the use of orbiting gyroscopes to check some of the effects of the theory of general relativity. His ideas led to the Gravity Probe B experiment.

(61402) FrancisEveritt = 2000 QS6

Discovered 2000 Aug. 25 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Francis Everitt (b. 1934), a professor at Stanford University, is the principal investigator of the Gravity Probe B experiment.

(62071) Voegtli = 2000 RH77

Discovered 2000 Sept. 08 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Christian Voegtli (b. 1959) studied theoretical physics in Basel. For many years he has been interested in evolutionary processes and he is very happy now to watch his two funny daughters developing their fitness for the next generation.

(63129) Courtemanche = 2000 WH183

Discovered 2000 Nov 30 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Michel Courtemanche (b. 1964) is a worldknown canadian comedian and actor.

(66939) Franscini = 1999 WQ8

Discovered 1999 Nov. 28 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Stefano Franscini (1796-1857), a member of the Ticino canton government in Switzerland, helped organize the public schools. In 1848, he was elected to the first federal council. He also played a key role in creating the polytechnic school in Zürich and the Swiss federal statistical office.

(67085) Oppenheimer = 2000 AG42

Discovered 2000 Jan. 4 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967) was a theoretical physicist and the scientific director of the Manhattan Project. From 1947 to 1966 he directed the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton.

(67235) Fairbank = 2000 EJ15

Discovered 2000 Mar. 5 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

William Martin Fairbank (1917-1989), professor emeritus of physics at Stanford University, earned his Ph.D. from Yale in 1948. He taught at Amherst College and Duke University before joining the Stanford faculty in 1959. His research interests included superconductivity, gravity waves, individual quarks and monopoles.

(70179) BeppeChiara = 1999 QQ1

Discovered 1999 Aug. 21 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Giuseppe Brenna (b. 1952) and his wife Chiara Martinoni (b. 1953) live in a small village in the Verzasca valley in the Swiss canton of Ticino. He has climbed to the top of all 630 mountains in Ticino of altitude greater than 2000 meters and has written several guides and books about Swiss mountains.

(91428) Cortesi = 1999 QT1

Discovered 1999 Aug. 20 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Sergio Cortesi (b. 1932) has been the director of the Specola Solare Locarno-Monti since 1957. He was one of the co-founders and for a long time the president of the Società Astronomica Ticinese.

(91429) MicheleBianda = 1999 QO2

Discovered 1999 Aug. 30 by S. Sposetti at Gnosca, Switzerland.

Michele Bianda (b. 1956) studied physics at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zürich.

He is now the scientific director of the Istituto Ricerche Solari in Locarno.