

William Herschel

1738 A.D. – 1822 A.D.

German-born astronomer who became Astronomer Royal of England and discoverer of the planet Uranus. He also showed that infrared light carried energy below the visible spectrum.

Giuseppi Piazzi

1746 A.D. – 1826 A.D.

Italian astronomer who established an observatory at Palermo, from which he observed the asteroid Ceres, and (simultaneously with Bessel) determined the parallax of Cygni 61, finally proving the earth orbits the sun by direct observation.