

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn1,020

Number of telescopes: two

Number of organisers: 2

Number of attendees: 50

Event photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gwskywatcher/4101682155/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gwskywatcher/4101682273/>

Event Report:

The event was arranged in conjunction with the release of Kingsley Holgate's book exploring the R44 – the Ghoema Route from Gansbaai in the east coast to Paternoster on the west coast of South Africa. Willie Koorts of the SAAO and I both made 10" telescopes available for the guests near the entertainment area. The evening was very well supported by a large number of folk. We estimated that we had some 30-50 visitors, but it was difficult to estimate how many were continuously coming back for another look and to ask further questions.

We did not have a break and were busy from 20:00 up to 23:30 – a most enjoyable and satisfying evening. Once again the IYA project has proved it's worth as we were again surprised at the lack of knowledge of the heavens above us.