

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn1,100

**Number of telescopes:** 6

**Number of organisers:** 2

**Number of attendees:** 50

**Event photos:** <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1147888@N24/?added=6>

**Event Report:**

Galilean Nights at Eco-School 2 Galati

The international event "Galilean Nights" - developed on 22-24 October - was successfully celebrated in our school.

Preparing the "Galilean Nights" for the students, teachers and the community where our school is located has been a challenging experience for the coordinators of this activity, teachers Silvia-Daniela Tobias and Georgiana Munteanu.

Our older students (grades 5, 6, 7, 8) could watch some materials offered to the public by the site [www.astronomy2009.org](http://www.astronomy2009.org), i.e. the presentation film of the International Year of Astronomy, a power point presentation about the development in time of the telescope from Galileo Galilei to the present, a special presentation of the importance of year 1609 for astronomy as well as a short documentary on the continuous research of space with the hope of finding other planets similar to the Earth.

Mathematics and astronomy teacher Silvia-Daniela Tobias offered more explanations and answers to the students' questions while English teacher Georgiana Munteanu helped them with translating the more difficult fragments in the script.

As an application of the activity, the group of students got out in the school yard and made some observations of the sky with the help of their personal galileoscopes. Needless to say, lots of other students happily joined the group and took their share of "skygazing" through these telescopes.

Later in the evening, the students and their families went to the Planetarium of Galati and could watch the night sky through some of the high performance telescopes in Romania.

With satisfaction we realized that the IYA has brought about not only beautiful, rewarding activities but also a general interest and appetite of the young generation for going into the precious depths of astronomy.

Due to the enthusiasm of the participants, a decision has been taken: an astronomy club will be initiated in our school so that anybody interested in this domain would find a suitable place for interconnecting with the magic of astronomy.

Congratulating everybody in the international team of "astronomy fans",  
Silvia-Daniela Tobias, Georgiana Munteanu and School 2 Galati students