Galilean Nights Event ID: gn595

Number of telescopes: 5 Number of organisers: 16 Number of attendees: 300

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Event Report:

Our Galilean Nights activities were planned to take place from Thursday to Sunday with events dedicated to schoolchildren, adults and club members. On Thursday, we planned three events of astronomical presentation in cooperation with three schools from our town. Approximately 100 students from the secondary school till high school took part into the events. In one of the high schools, the presentation was a part of the School Days and was a great success among the teenagers. Also the principal agreed on opening an exhibition of astronomical photography by Sorin Hotea. The photos were donated to the school and after that "sold" in a charity event organized by the high school.

On Friday we had planned to have a night of public observations, but unfortunately the weather was not on our side. It was cloudy and it rained all evening. So we had to reschedule the event. Fortunately we were supported by the local media; the local newspapers and radio helped us spreading the news of the rescheduled event. Finally on Sunday, the sky was clear and we had that public event. It was quite cold outside but the public was curious. We looked at the Sun, Moon, Jupiter and several deep-sky objects. We had a web-cast of the Moon and we had an exhibition of astronomical 3D-cards and telescopes. The public enjoyed the exhibition a lot and was very excited to test the telescopes and to receive a free brochure about astronomy. The exhibition was put together with the help of our partner shop "Astromagazin.ro". The Galilean Nights event was a true success and it was a great opportunity to enjoy the sky and to share our love for it with the others. All the members of the club had a special time when they observed the night sky and had the chance to bring their families and friends to this special event. We are truly looking forward to taking part into such special events.