

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn689

Number of telescopes: 2

Number of organisers: 18

Number of attendees: Approximately 450 persons

Event photos: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/iya2009>

Event Report:

GALILEAN NIGHTS EVENT REPORT - 22nd OCTOBER 2009

Kazım Karabekir Primary School – Esenler / ISTANBUL

First of all, we organized the event with the collaboration of the Astronomy Club-Science Faculty of Istanbul University. Briefly, an introductory presentation and an interview of the astronomy club members with students was followed with the observation of the sky, the moon, Jupiter and the stars with the telescopes.

Mainly, we, as organisers of the event, aimed our students to meet with a part of the technology-the telescope. In addition, this event was not only addressed the students but also the parents and the public society. So we achieved our goal with raising the attention and the interest of the people of Esenler in Istanbul.

The students and the people were very excited and curious about the event. Such an event was not usual because of the environmental conditions of the district.

Students and the people had never experienced observing the sky with a telescope before. Thus we are proud of realizing this extraordinary activity with almost 600 people.

At the end of the event, the students and the people had at least a few ideas about the science of astronomy thanks to the efforts for the observation and the presentation of the astronomy club. Even touching the telescope and looking at it for few seconds for the people, the event was extremely worth organizing. The ongoing of the event was more successful than expected. The presentation and the interview before the observation gave the audience the chance to understand the aim of the event. As a result, we received more interest and attendance for the event than we had expected.