

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn72

**Number of telescopes:** 2

**Number of organisers:** 2

**Number of attendees:** 20

**Event Report:**

Our event on friday was canceled due to bad weather. We started saturday at around 6pm by a talk on Galileo in the "Gymnasium Erding II". This was attended by about 20 persons, mostly pupils and their parents or students of the VHS and their families. We also had a couple of teachers. the talk explained in detail the situation of science before Galileo, the discoveries he made, and the consequences it had on the way we do research now. We showed how cleverly he interpreted his observations and encouraged the public to make the same observations.

At around 8pm we went outside and were lucky enough to have (almost) clear sky! We made some Galileo-style observations and then looked at stars clusters, galaxies, double star, and so on. The number of public attendees dropped to about 12 (due to the same drop in outside temperature!) but it was a good complement to the talk! At around 9pm we went again inside and after some technical problems could enjoy the "Virtual Observatory Bellatrix" (in Italy). We had the images but not the sound, so we had to comment the images to the now five remaining persons ;-). For most of them it was the first time they had seen live astronomical imaging. Most were surprised about how cumbersome it is (first up to a minute exposure, then transferring to image software, then cleansing, then refining....). They expected something faster.

at around 10:30 everybody went home.