

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn773

Number of telescopes: 3

Number of organisers: 5

Number of attendees: 220

Event photos:

Album: Astronomia no Pantanal

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Event Report:

This activity took place at Barão de Melgaço, a small town within the Brazilian pantanal region, known by its gorgeous ecosystem. The exposition "From Earth to the Universe" and the panel "The Universe Evolution" were shown at the public state school "Escola Estadual Antonio Paes de Barros" at afternoon and at night. The

"Escola Estadual Ciro Siqueira Gonçalves", another public state school located around the town, sent a bus with students and a teacher to attend the event as well. The exposition was shown over the time previously scheduled, 7:00 pm, until around 8:30 pm. The DVD "Eyes on the Skies" was left at the school to be shown another day to the students.

The venue chosen for the Galilean night was the sidewalk in front of the school, by the Cuiabá River. Unfortunately, it was a very cloudy night. The Moon was visible for a short period of time. During this small time some people observed it with two telescopes and a galileoscope.

We waited for a better weather during the whole time of the activity at the venue answering people questions on Astronomy, listening to some young kids telling legend stories from the region, and allowing people to read far merchandising plates at the town. There were very interested people waiting for a better weather with us.

Some tiny children really enjoyed looking with a telescope specially a tiny girl that was very focused looking through the telescopes. Later one telescope was visited by a beetle. We enjoyed sharing our time with that town people.

The next day we went to have lunch at the town and we were recognized by people there. Someone pointed to us and told: "look, they are still here!" Thanks to Galileu we became "stars"; at least, in a Galilean night.