

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn859

**Number of telescopes:** 1

**Number of organisers:** 3

**Number of attendees:** 100

**Event Report:**

Galilean

Nights Project was one of the events for the international astronomy year which was held 22 to 24 October. The project was planned after the successful implementation of 100 Hours of Astronomy Project which was met by worldwide appreciation. Aytan Astronomical Society of Zanjan, like many other societies and groups in Iran has vigorously tried to familiarize people with astronomy especially in 2009. During October 2009 Aytan held two glamorous events: the first of which was an exhibition held in the international space week which was met by enthusiasm on the part of numerous visitors, and the second of which was Galilean Nights Project.

The Galilean Nights Project was implemented on 22 October in tandem with the 22ed monthly meeting of Aytan Astronomical Society. As usual the meeting began at 16:30 local time and by nightfall observation started outside of the building of Zanjan's Science and Astronomy Center. As expected many sky enthusiasts attended the event and gazed at Jupiter and its Galilean moons and our own planet's sole moon through telescopes and binoculars. The event lasted for three hours during which scores of people got familiar with astronomy and night sky.