Galilean Nights Event ID: gn937

Number of telescopes: 10 Number of organisers: 2 Number of attendees: 40 Event photos: http://www.flickr.com/photos/44701816@N03/

Event Report:

First, our event was not like others since we met only for two hours afternoon in a lecture hall and did not spend a night below the starry sky. Second, the participants were about 40 senior students of the "University of the Third Age" at our Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. And third, our aim was to explore the observing facilities offered via Internet by the project of Galilean Nights.

We browsed through the project pages and then tried to use the remote observatories – but only with a partial success since not all links were active at that early time. Nevertheless, the later returned pictures from the MicroObservatory that show the moons orbiting Jupiter are fascinating.

The other goal was to iniciate own observations in families of senior students, together with their grandchildren. Several succeeded to catch a clear evening sky and others undertook at least a daylight observations. The pictures were taken not directly during the period of the Galilean Nights but they illustrate well this activity.