

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn975

Number of telescopes: 2

Number of organisers: 5

Number of attendees: 130

Event Report:

Firstly we were lucky to have a crystal clear sky at the organisation night in Istanbul. We set our telescope and binocular in the campus before the event and let the people observe the moon before it is down the horizon. Then at 8 pm we gathered at the Albert Long Hall. We held a popular lecture about astronomy in general and Jupiter in particular before the observing session. Everybody was excited and they were all very interested in Jupiter. After the Q&A session we got out for the star party.

There were nearly 40 people more waiting us outside near the telescopes and we begin to show and tell the main constellations in the sky with our green lasers. We showed how to find the Polaris and how to distinguish planet from star. Everyone really enjoyed it and asked alot of interesting questions. Then we pointed our telescope and binocular to the Jupiter. It was a great scene for everyone, a giant planet with 4 big moons aside. Then we moved on to the Albireo, the double star in Cygnus and then to the Pleaides, open cluster. There were alot of people who are looking through the telescope for the first time. And also students who attend the event were all from varying departments, especially alot of students from social sciences.

It was a really great event for us the orginisers and for all the attendants. People all asked if we would do another such event and wanted to be informed of that.