

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn993

Number of telescopes: 3

Number of organisers: 1

Number of attendees: 320

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Event Report:

Because of the limited space for attendants that we have in the National Public Health Management Center and the far distance that it have, I arranged 2 buses for going there and at 5:00 pm every day we have likely 80 people in the NPMC conference hall. First I presented the slideshows taken from the official site of the project which I had translated them to Persian before. After that we had a short movie about the Galileo for likely 5 minutes. After the movie and slides we have discussed about the theories of the universe from past to present and about the critical points of changing the view of human to the space like Galileo's observations. Discussed about Jupiter's great red spot and the structure of Jupiter, it's Galilean moons, missions to the Jupiter, the role of Jupiter's gravity in speeding up other missions spacecrafts and etc. I have got some great questions about space and solar system that answering them had a big role in understanding the universe, space, stars and astronomy! Unfortunately because of not being financially supported by anyone, we can only print a brief brochure about International Year of Astronomy and the project Galilean Nights with some explanations about what we were going to observe through our tools. At 6:00 pm all the attendants were in the yard of the building and were listening to explanations about tools in the amateur astronomy and types of telescopes and telescope mounts. After mounting our tools we begin with observing the moon. While observing they had many questions about origin of the moon, craters of the moon and moon phases that made me to include some explanations for the people. After a while we pointed our tools to the Jupiter, beginning with explanations about bands of gas that were seen on the surface of the Jupiter, continued by observing moons of Jupiter and explanations about them as they were so interesting for people. After giving more information about the moons that we see and what we can do with observing the moons orbiting the Jupiter, the time that we had from the center was going to finish and all the people got on bus and went home. During this experience we met many interested people and planned to have more projects to be done and also the friendships that had shaped there was something to be remembered for a long time...