

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn277

Number of telescopes: 12

Number of organisers: 20

Number of attendees: approx. 300

Event photos: Please find my photos (52 Pictures Copyright by myself) under the following link:

<http://www.volkssternwarte-bonn.de/verein/tdot200910.html>

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Event Report:

Our event of the Galilean Nights should take place on Oct. 24th 2009 on the Hofgarten Uni Bonn, but it was cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Therefor it was scheduled for the next day on Oct. 25th at the Volkssternwarte Bonn, which had its "day of the open door". In the evening we planned public observations on the Poppelsdorfer Allee Bonn. The day began cloudy but we were enthusiastic and got rewarded with a sunny sky with a lot of breaks in the clouds. We observed the sun in whitelight and h-alpha, we had sunspots and prominences. The people were astonished, most of them had never seen sunspots or solar eruptions before and one heard a lots of aaahs and ooohs :-). In the evening we started to observe the Moon and Jupiter. The cloudbelts and the Galilean moons were clearly visible, and the Moon presented a lot of details in the craters and maria. Many people who had already observed the sun at day promised to return and join us in the evening, for they were longing to see the Moon and Jupiter. We had also shown Albireo, and the coloured doublestar was very impressive for most people. Due to the amount of embraced attendees we can say, that the day was really successful.