Galilean Nights Event ID: gn512

Number of telescopes: 7
Number of organisers: 12
Number of attendees: 75

Event Report:
We have organized an event combining amateur astronomical observations from the roof of an EGO building and a “Science Café” to discuss with researchers and have a drink together. We had 75 visitors, between 8 pm and midnight. The public was really heterogeneous: many small children with their parents, high school boys and girls, simply curious adults. All of them caught the occasion to have a different look at the night sky and to learn a bit more about it. We had a very good feedback from all of them, many questions were asked, and we did our best to answer all of them. But nothing is more rewarding than the wonder exclamations of the children. Let’s hope we could inspire some more curiosity in all of them!

The “Science Café” was a nice way to spend time in a pleasant way, while waiting to look at the sky. Beginning with a little diffidence, in the second half of the evening the ice melted and many left the site at midnight with sparkling eyes.

The overall outcome was strongly positive, thanks to two telescope sites and the assignment of a tutor for every group of 24. Other useful items were the posters supplied by Aspera for the European week of Astroparticle Physics and the cosmic ray telescope borrowed from INFN.