

**Declaration on the establishment
of stable, reliable and fast communication facilities in the
astronomical institutions in South- Eastern Europe**

BAM-2004 was attended by 91 participants from 9 countries. Professor Alexander Boksenberg and Academician Simeon Anguelov represented UNESCO-ROSTE.

The participants in the Balkan Astronomical Meeting “South- East European Astronomy and Space Research – Present and future perspectives”,

- highly appreciating the already existing collaboration in the field of Astronomy in South- Eastern Europe,
- deeply convinced that good communication facilities are an indispensable requirement for effective collaboration, and
- taking into account the necessity of stable, reliable and fast communication facilities for the successful activities in the framework of all existing and future regional astronomical projects,

declare that

the establishment of a state-of-the-art communication grid, that will secure free, reliable and fast access to Internet for all Astronomical Institutions and Observatories of South-East Europe is a task of highest priority and utmost importance to the astronomical community in the region.

Signed by members of the astronomical communities in the countries, participating in the Balkan Astronomical Meeting “South- East Astronomy and Space Research – Present and future perspectives ”,
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