

MINUTES
OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
SUB-REGIONAL EUROPEAN ASTRONOMICAL COMMITTEE
(SREAC)

18 September 2005, Bucharest, Romania

Participants:

- Members of SREAC: K. Panov (Bulgaria), H. Rovithis-Livaniou (Greece), V. Mioc, M. Stavinschi (Romania), G. Djurasevic (Serbia and Montenegro) G. Pinigin (Ukraine);
- Representatives of the absent members of SREAC: Renada Konstantinova-Antova (Bulgaria), Eugenia Antonopoulou (Greece), Olga Atanackovic-Vukmanovic (Serbia and Montenegro), Zeki Aslan (Turkey)
- Special guests: A. Boksenberg (UNESCO-ROSTE); Areg Mickaelian (Armenia) Nedelia Popescu (Romania).

Chair: A. Boksenberg

Secretary: G. Pinigin.

1. Report 2004-2005

M. Stavinschi presented the report on the SREAC activity in the period October 2004- September 2005.

2. Discussion about the report

The participants evaluated by vote the report as positive.

A. Boksenberg presented the suggestions concerning the use of the amount of money from UNESCO (25,000\$) and the fact that the contract must to be signed very soon. Also he suggested that the money must be spent in a productive way and this must be started before of the end of 2005.

The discussion was very lively (interventions from A.Boksenberg, M. Stavinschi, K. Panov, R. Konstantinova-Antova, G. Pinigin, H.Rovithis-Livaniou, A. Mickelian, G. Djurasevic, V. Mioc, Z. Aslan). Many aspects were tackled, as, for instance:

- continuation of cooperation in astronomy;
- broadening experience in astronomy;
- education and training in astronomy;
- the role of the meetings in astronomical cooperation;
- access to medium/large facilities;

- involvement of engineering in astronomical research;
- upgrading the major instruments in the region;
- role of the small telescopes.

3. Discussion about IBSP budget

Details can be found in the final decision for funding for the first year of the project. Kiril Panov was appointed to sign the contract with UNESCO-ROSTE.

4. Election of the new Chair and Secretary of SREAC

By consensus, the results of elections were:

- Chair: Z. Aslan
- Secretary: H. Rovithis-Livaniou.

They will act from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006, and can be re-elected only after rotating all countries and their representatives.

SREAC included the position of Counselor of the Chair. M. Stavinschi was appointed to this position.

Taking into account some proposals voted by the participants, new representatives were elected in SREAC: N.A. Popescu (Romania), Z. Aslan (Turkey).

SREAC proposed to UNESCO-ROSTE a new associate country member: Armenia. It is waiting for UNESCO decision.

Also it was decided that A. Mickaelian (Armenia) to be included as an associated member in SREAC.

Gennady Pinigin,
SREAC Secretary