

Balkan Astronomical Meeting (BAM-2004)

“South-East European Astronomy and Space Research – Present and future perspectives”

14 – 18 June, 2004, Rozhen, Bulgaria

RESOLUTION

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

The BAM-2004 participants,

Realizing:

- the importance of the contribution of the South-East European (SEE) research to the world astronomy;
- the role of the Rozhen 2-meter telescope and the Aristarchos 2.3-meter telescope for this research, as the currently largest astronomical instruments in SEE;
- the excellence of the human scientific potential from SEE (from a qualitative and quantitative standpoint),

Propose:

- the urgent improvement of the regional INTERNET access aiming at a state-of-the-art communication between the scientists in the region
- the establishment of fast communication lines between the main Observatories of the region (including the Rozhen 2-m telescope and the Aristarchos 2.3-meter telescope) with the nearest backbone Internet grid,

and

- the elaboration of a regional science project for Solar System Research – contact person Dr. Gordana Apostolovska, Institute of Physics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Skopje;
- the elaboration of a regional science project for Variable Stars Research – contact person Dr. Renada Konstantinova-Antova, Institute of Astronomy, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences;
- the elaboration of a European project “Astronomy and World Heritage”, to be submitted to the EC FP6 as a “Coordinated Programme”– contact person, Prof. Magda Stavinschi, Astronomical Institute, Romanian Academy;
- establishment of a regional astronomical educational network – contact person Dr. Nevena Markova;
- establishing of a network of grants for exchanging scientists between the astronomical institutions in the region – contact person Dr. Heleni Rovithis-Livaniou, Greece, University of Athens.

The projects listed above are open for collaboration with all astronomers in the region, independent whether they have participated in this meeting or not.

The BAM-2004 participants are represented by:

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Rozhen Observatory, June 17, 2004