

FOREWORD

During 2000, 118 bibliographic items have been published, 14 among them in international scientific journals of highest rank, 3 in the book of an international publisher, 30 in national scientific journals, 2 invited lectures and 6 abstracts of invited lectures of international conferences, 48 as contributed papers of international and national conferences, and 7 in the IAU circulars. Eight invited lectures and progress reports have been given by Observatory's fellows at international conferences and two at national ones, while one monographic text has been published in national publications. Milan Ćirković defended his PhD thesis, whose abstract has also been published. Moreover, Nataša Vranešević defended her M.Sc. thesis

Number 161 of the Observatory's publication SERBIAN ASTRONOMICAL JOURNAL, as well as Nos. 67, 68, and 69 of the PUBLICATIONS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF BELGRADE have been issued. These publications are regularly sent to 130 institutions and libraries in 45 countries and to 15 institutions and libraries within Yugoslavia.

Observatory's fellows took part in works of 13 Scientific conferences abroad (30 participations by 16 fellows) and seven conferences in Yugoslavia (39 participation by 17 fellows).

Organized by the Observatory were:

1. II Serbian - Bulgarian Astronomical Meeting, Zaječar (Gamzigradska Banja), 23-26.06.2000.
2. School for young astronomers: Processing of astronomical images by MIDAS software, Research center Petnica, Valjevo, 21-24.11.2000.

Astronomical Observatory was also co-organizer of:

2. III Belarussian - Yugoslav Symposium on Physics and Diagnostics of Laboratory and Astrophysical Plasmas, Minsk 17-21.09.2000.

During 2000, Observatory's fellows have continued collaboration with their colleagues in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraina, United Kingdom, USA and Uzbekistan.

Besides 27 newspaper articles, 6 interviews and 20 registered here radio and TV emissions, Observatory's fellows gave 61 lectures on astronomical subjects outside our institution contributing to the cultural life in our country. In addition, 11 lectures were given at the Astronomical Observatory itself.

As from 1998 Astronomical Observatory maintains internet connection available from each one of the personal computers at the Observatory with Windows 95 installed. I note also that Serbian Astronomical Journal is available on www through the Astrophysical Data System (ADS), thanks to the courtesy of the System's holders. The www address is: <http://adswww.harvard.edu/~BOBeo>. As from 1999 the web site of the Belgrade Astronomical Observatory is open and the corresponding www address is: <http://www.aob.bg.ac.yu>. Moreover, the database BELDATA has started developing, being available through the internet at the address: <http://www.aob.bg.ac.yu/BELDATA>.