

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE SMALL ASTROPHOTO OBSERVATORY IN GLOŽAN, IN THE PERIOD 2011-2016

After several unsuccessful initiatives (1974, 1981, 1984, 1989, 1996) and over 30 years of efforts to build a Popular Observatory in Novi Sad, unexpectedly, in 2011, an opportunity was given to build a small observatory in the vicinity of Novi Sad. Everything started with a few incredible coincidences and happy circumstances that enabled the author of this work to get the ownership of a residential house in the village of Gložan (25 km from Novi Sad). This beautiful one-floor house in the eastern part of the village, at the end of Veljka Vlahovića Street, no. 80, at the first glance was ideal for adaptation in order to build a small astrophoto observatory, due to its functional architectural solution and a suitable location at the end of the village. The work describes the performed adaptations to the existing building, the construction of a large observation terrace (50 m²), the construction of a tower for the dome, the installation of the FIRST ASTRONOMICAL DOME IN VOJVODINA, as well as the equipping of the Observatory with the appropriate astronomical instruments (the first telescope of the type "*Ritchey-Chretien Astrograph*" in Vojvodina).

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