THIRTY YEARS OF ASTRONOMY IN VALJEVO

Research Society "Vladimir Mandic Manda" from Valjevo was founded in 1969, and its Department of astronomy was founded in 1973. From the beginning, young people – students and high school pupils, start with observation of Sun, planets, comets, asteroids, deep sky objects, meteor showers, and with ethnoastronomical researches. During this 30 years there were published a lot of scientific and popular papers, articles, which consist re-

sults of activities of the Department of astronomy. Popularisation and astronomical educa-

tion are other part of activities of the Department. There were a big efforts on collecting all amateur astronomical organisations from Serbia and creating a cooperation among them.