

ASTRONOMY IN THE *TEXTBOOK FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY* OF PAVLE VUJEVIĆ

The book *Fundamentals of mathematical and physical geography* (in Serbian *Основи математичне и физичке географије*) is one of the first university textbooks on geography written in Serbian. The author of the book is Pavle Vujević (1881-1966), the notorious Serbian climatologist, the professor of the Belgrade University and the member of the Serbian Academy of Science and Art. The book consists of two volumes. The first volume is printed in 1923, while the second one is printed in 1926. For many generations of students of geography, even today, this textbook was an entering point into mathematical and physical geography and astronomy. This book is rather comprehensive; it consists of 815 pages and four sections. The first volume is made up of two sections, *Mathematical geography* and *Physical geography*, while the second volume covers *The atmosphere* and *Oceans*. The first book is in fact an introduction to astronomy. It covers in details all basic notions and facts of this science known at the time when the book was written. In the second volume there are explanations of the chemical composition of the Earth atmosphere, climate types and their secular changes, then composition and physical characteristics of World oceans, the ebb-tide phenomena and the characteristics of the seabed. The book is digitized and it is included into the NCD *Virtual library* (<http://elib.matf.bg.ac.yu:8080/virlib/>). In this article we present the content of the first book, also some interesting facts related to this book, including changes in terminology and definitions in this area since the book was published.