

BRANISLAV ŠEVARLIĆ – LIFE AND WORK

Professor Dr Branislav Ševarlić was born in Belgrade in 1914 in a teacher's family. In 1937 he joined Belgrade Astronomical Observatory as “astronomical observer”. As scientist he developed his activity at the Belgrade Observatory during 35 years until 1972, as a full time or part time employee. He was one of the founders of some Scientific Groups, developing them to the level that they were accepted in the corresponding international Services. His activity comprised the Time Service, minor planets observations, star catalogues compilation and founding of the Latitude Service, which in 1956 was included in the International Polar Motion Service. In 1948 he started to give lectures on Geodetic Positional Astronomy at the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Belgrade University as reader, than senior lecturer, assistant professor and full professor. In 1964 he was engaged as full professor of Astronomy at the Faculty of Sciences of Belgrade University. He retired in 1980, but continued his activity in teaching and research both at the Faculty of Sciences and Belgrade Observatory.