

BRANISLAV GEZEMAN, HIS ANCESTORS AND FRIENDS **(7th September 1951 – September 2014)**

On the occasion of the death of Branislav Gezeman (1951-2014), who loved astronomy, associate of People's Observatory and a member of Astronomical Society "Rudjer Bošković" from Belgrade, his life, ancestors and events on People's Observatory are presented. B. Gezeman is presented on the basis of memories of his numerous friends and colleagues from Society, and his half brother Zoran Popović. A part of article is related to the director of People's Observatory Prof. Dr Radovan Danić.

B. Gezeman was one of the best observers on People's Observatory of Society. He noticed among firsts in Europe nova in Cygnus 1975, and successfully followed the change of its brightness. With P. Milojković he was involved in determination of the height of aircrafts from one observing point. Establishing that the surface of the square of the distance between Phobos and Mars is equal to the surface of disk of Mars, and persuaded that this is not by chance, he wrote with G. Andrijašević, to numerous known astronomers, especially to those investigating the life in Universe. At the end of the article, a review of this correspondence and the bibliography of his works published in the journal of Astronomical Society "Rudjer Bošković" - *Vasiona* (Universe) is given.

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