

# Lithuanian Astronomical Society



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Lietuvos astronomų sąjunga

# Lithuanian Astronomical Society: status

Lithuanian Astronomical Society (LAS):  
a joint professional and amateur society:

- established in 1995
- members:
  - professional astronomers: 33
  - students (including PhD students): 6
  - high school teachers: 18
  - others: 14

<http://www.astro.lt/las>



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# Lithuanian Astronomical Society: current activities

## Current activities of the Lithuanian Astronomical Society (1):

- meetings:
  - LAS general meetings (every 3-4 years)
  - LAS conferences (every ~2 years)
- public outreach:
  - public astronomical events (star parties, lectures, observing expeditions)
  - open days at professional astronomical observatories



Astronomical gathering at Moletai Observatory.



# Lithuanian Astronomical Society: current activities

## Current activities of the Lithuanian Astronomical Society (2):

- prizes:
  - annual nominations for best student research work, best amateur observatory, best astronomical homepage, etc.
- sponsorship:
  - National Contest of Young Scientists, National Astronomy Olympiad



Open day at Moletai Astronomical Observatory.



# Lithuanian Astronomical Society: links with other organizations

## Links with other organizations:

- no affiliated societies
- links with government, publicly funded observatories or research institutes, universities, funding councils:
  - planetarium in Vilnius
  - astronomical research institutions
  - observatories at schools and amateur observatories
- links with other national/international organizations:
  - EAS affiliated society



Public lecture at Vilnius Planetarium.



# Lithuanian Astronomical Society: future plans and activities



## Future plans and activities:

- improve links with and representation in European/international astronomical organizations:
  - EAS, IAU, etc.
- consolidate and coordinate efforts of astronomical institutions in spreading astronomical knowledge within the society
- coordinate astronomical activities during the Astronomical Year 2009

