



Slovak Astronomical Society

Slovak Academy of Sciences

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Status of the society with respect to official institutions

- Established in 1959 as a scientific society affiliated to the Slovak Academy of Sciences, members active formerly within the frame of the Czechoslovak Astronomical Society
- Headquarters in the Astronomical Institute of SASci in the High Tatras, Tatranská Lomnica
- Seven regional affiliates in places of astronomical establishments as the Astronomical Institute of SASci in the High Tatras, Comenius University in Bratislava, and five public observatories operated by local governments
- Four specialized divisions for: Solar physics, Stellar astronomy, Interplanetary matter, Occultations and eclipses
- Two commissions: Astronomical terminology, Education and teaching
- 152 members: professionals, amateurs, students

Activities of the society

- Regular meetings:
- once a four years: General Assembly
- yearly: Conference of Czech and Slovak stellar astronomers (Bezovec resort, Slovakia)
- bi-annual: Slovak-Czech workshop on interplanetary matter (SCWIM, Modra-Piesky resort, Slovakia)

- Shares organization of:
- KOLOS – international conference on results of 1m reflector (Sninské rybníky resort, Slovakia)
- ZIRO – workshop on photometry of variable stars (Roztoky, Slovakia)
- Summer camps for young astronomers with Perseid meteor shower and Observation of occultations

- Shared organization of:
- Venus transit 2004, 8 June 2004
- XXVI-th European Symposium on Occultation Projects (ESOP), August 2007

- Supported preparative activities to the IYA 2009

Activities of the society

- Publications:

- Meteor Reports, proceedings of the workshops on interplanetary matter, news and results in interplanetary matter research
- Astronomical circulars

- Operates:

- Olympiad in astronomy for scholars and students, during 2006 - 2010 funded by a grant from the Slovak R&D Agency. Winners of the first term 2006/2007 successful (Gold Medal and Honorable mention) in the First International Olympiad in Astronomy and Astrophysics, November – December 2007 in Thailand
- Applied for a grant to the Slovak R&D Agency for organizing the IYA 2009 in Slovakia

Links with Sister Societies

- Vivid contacts with the Czech Astronomical Society meetings of the executive committees of our Societies
- Links with the Slovak Union of Amateur Astronomers in part on personal basis
- Links with the Slovak Central Observatory, a methodical centre for amateurs astronomy, in Hurbanovo, operated by Ministry of culture of the Slovak Republic
- Participate in producing KOZMOS – a journal for popularization of astronomical knowledge in Slovak and Czech language.



Thank you for your attention !