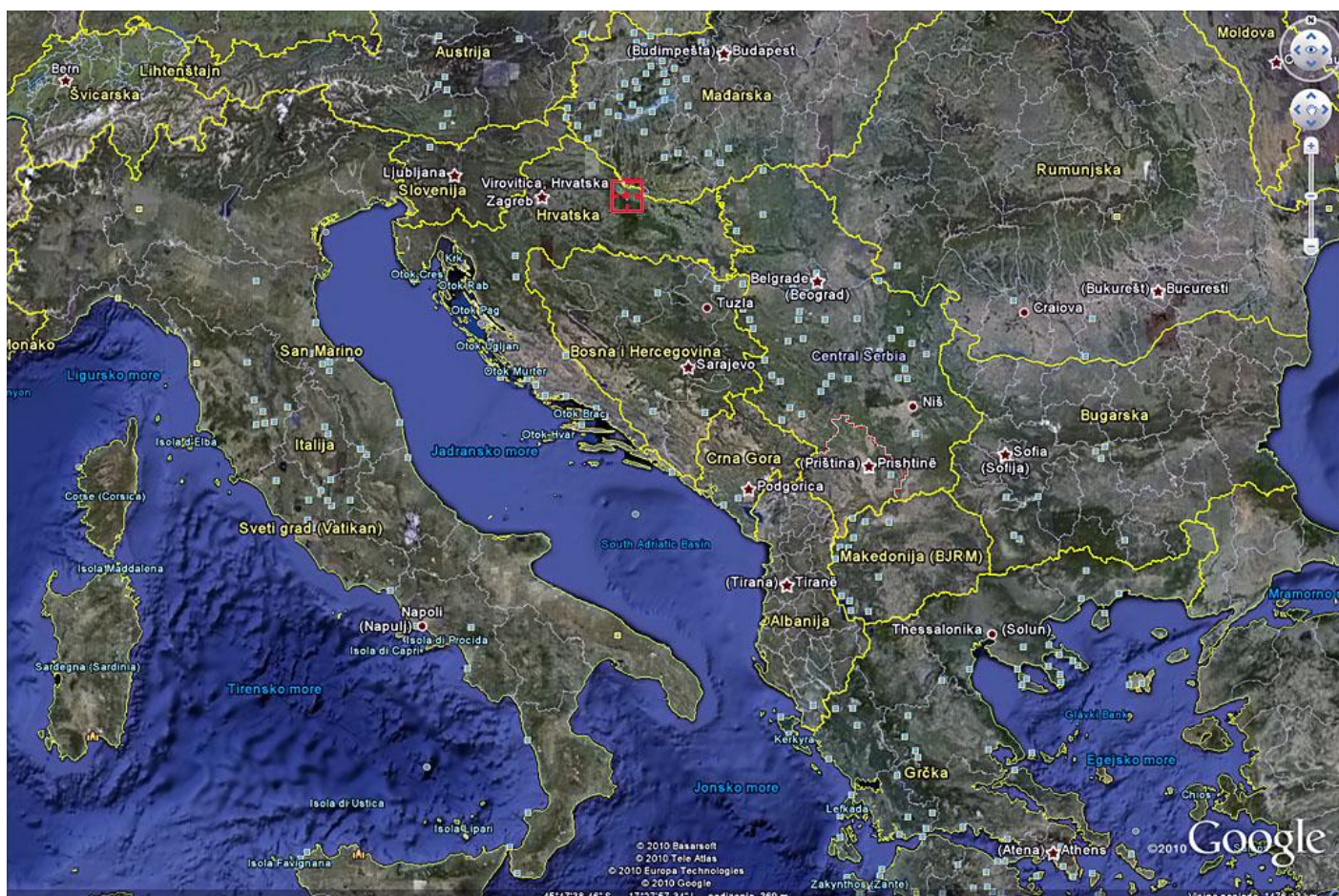


IYA 2009 Activities in Virovitica, Hrvatska (The Republic of Croatia)

Activities achieved during IYA 2009 in a town of Virovitica (Virovitica-Podravina County) were different but with the same goal - astronomy popularization.



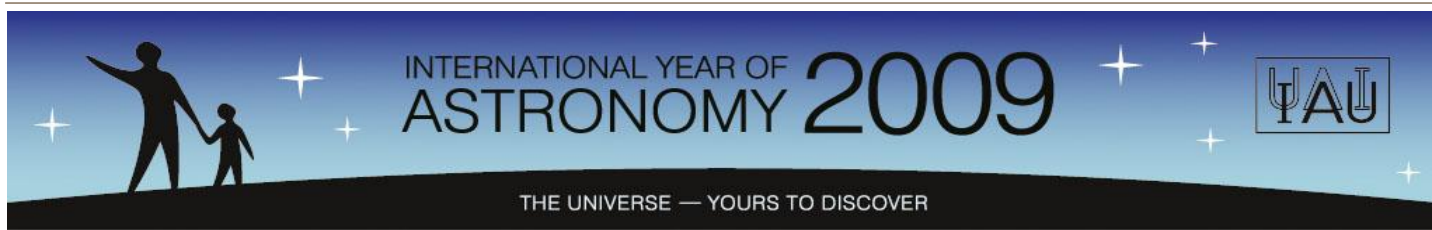
Local amateur astronomers used different telescopes for public observing of variety of celestial bodies such as:

- Schmidt - Cassegrain (Celestron 203 / 2032 mm),
- Maksutov - Cassegrain (Sky-Watcher 150 / 1800 mm),
- Newton reflector (GSO 200 / 1000 mm),
- achromatic refractor (Konus 120 / 1000 mm)
- binocular (TS 20 x 90).

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People who contributed a great deal are:

- Stjepan Mihaljević,
- Tomislav Živković,
- Zdravko Živković,
- Saša Kovačević,
- Zlatko Kovačević,
- Robert Žibreg,
- Danijel Reponj,
- Sandrino Požežanac.

Order of IYA 2009 activities in Virovitica

January 3, 2009

First steps of IYA 2009. in Virovitica:

- Initial observing with different telescopes quintet ("Kosci" - three stars in Orion's Belt); (Elementary school "Vladimir Nazor")

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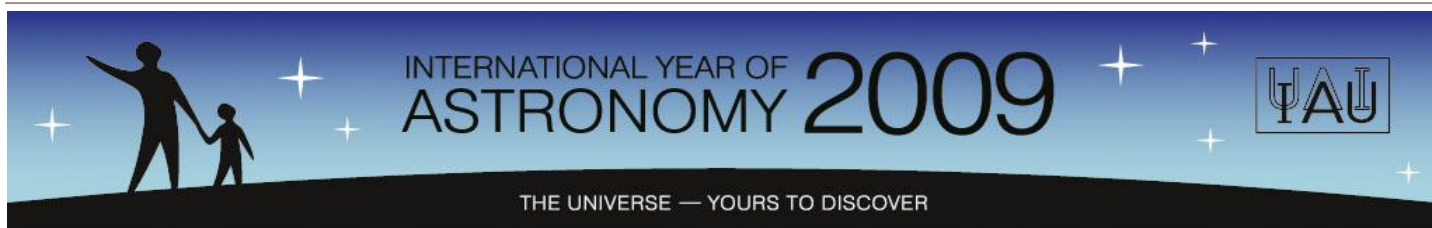
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100 Hours of Astronomy

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April 3, 2009

- Safe observing of the Sun and nocturnal celestial bodies - in front of the Elementary School "Vladimir Nazor"

April 4, 2009

- The Sun observing with high safety - in front of Elementary School "Vladimir Nazor"
- Promotion of a new, large and horizontal annalematic sundial in school backyard (Elementary School "Vladimir Nazor")
- Lecture "Light of stars and telescope" (public library)
- The Moon public observing with telescopes (in front of the public library).
- "100 Hours of Astronomy" - in front of Elementary School "Vladimir Nazor" Lecture, observing with telescopes and video projection.

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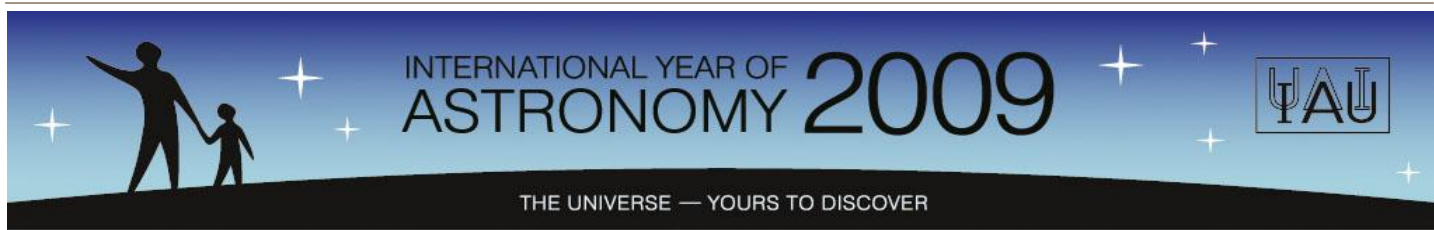


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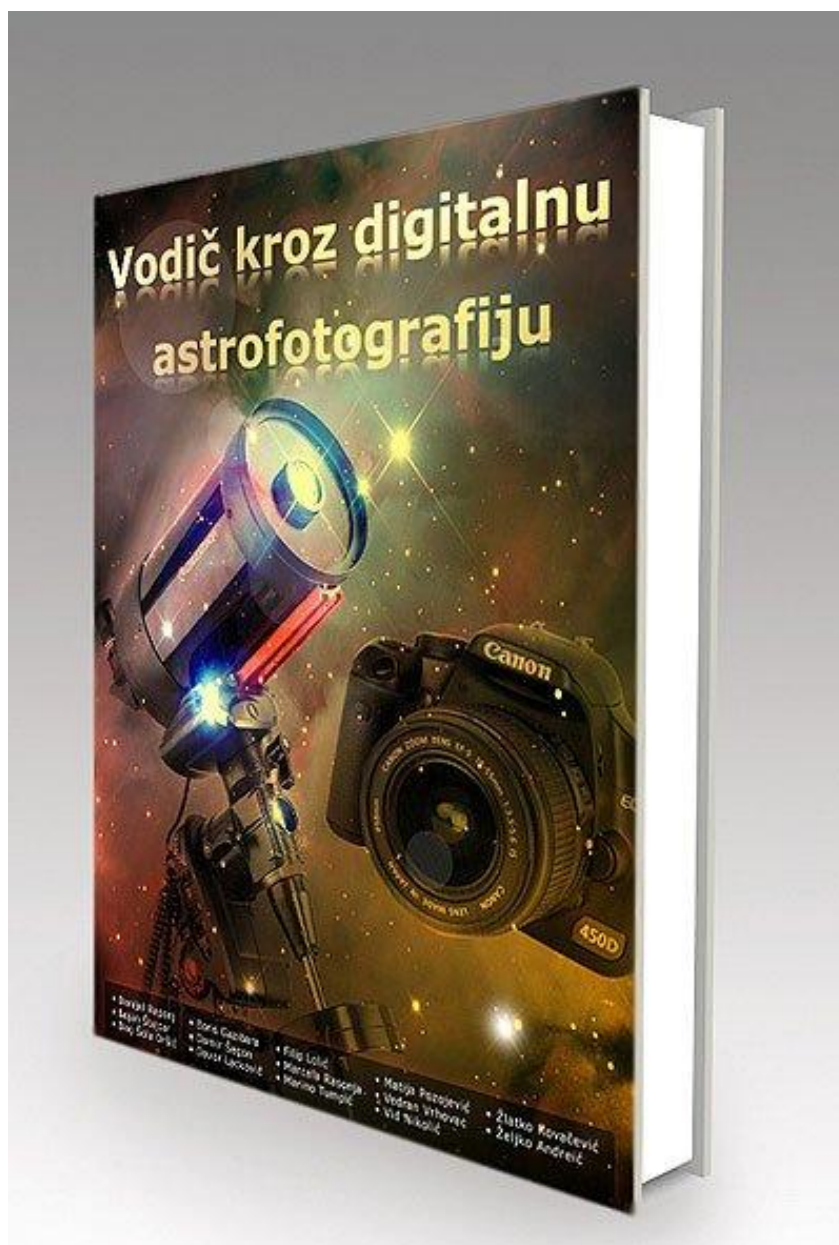
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April 30, 2009

- Promotion of Digital Book: "Digital astrophotography guide" on the Internet

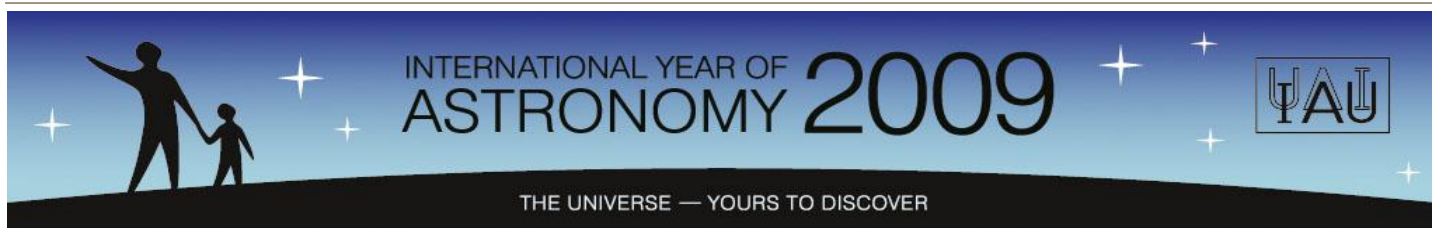
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May 8, 2009

- Lecture "Space - fantasy and science as one" - dr. sc. Slobodan Danko Bosanac (public library).

September 25, 2009

Galilean Nights in Virovitica (Elementary School "Vladimir Nazor"):

- Lecture "40 years since the greatest adventure of our mankind" (Apollo-11 remembrance, mr.sc. Vlado Halusek),
- Telescope exhibition
- Astrophotography exhibition was being arranged by Virovitica's amateur astronomers
- public observing of Jupiter with Galilean moons: Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto

<http://www.zvezdarnica.com/index.php?akcija=dnm&id=791>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLRehukPVkY>



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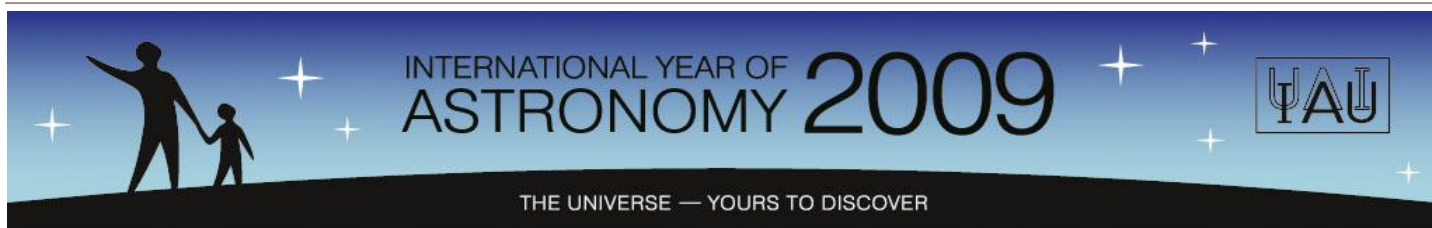
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October 20, 2009

- Promotion of digital book: "Digital astrophotography guide" (public library, The Month of Croatian Literature is this year related with International Year of Astronomy)

<http://www.zvezdarnica.com/index.php?akcija=dnm&id=802>

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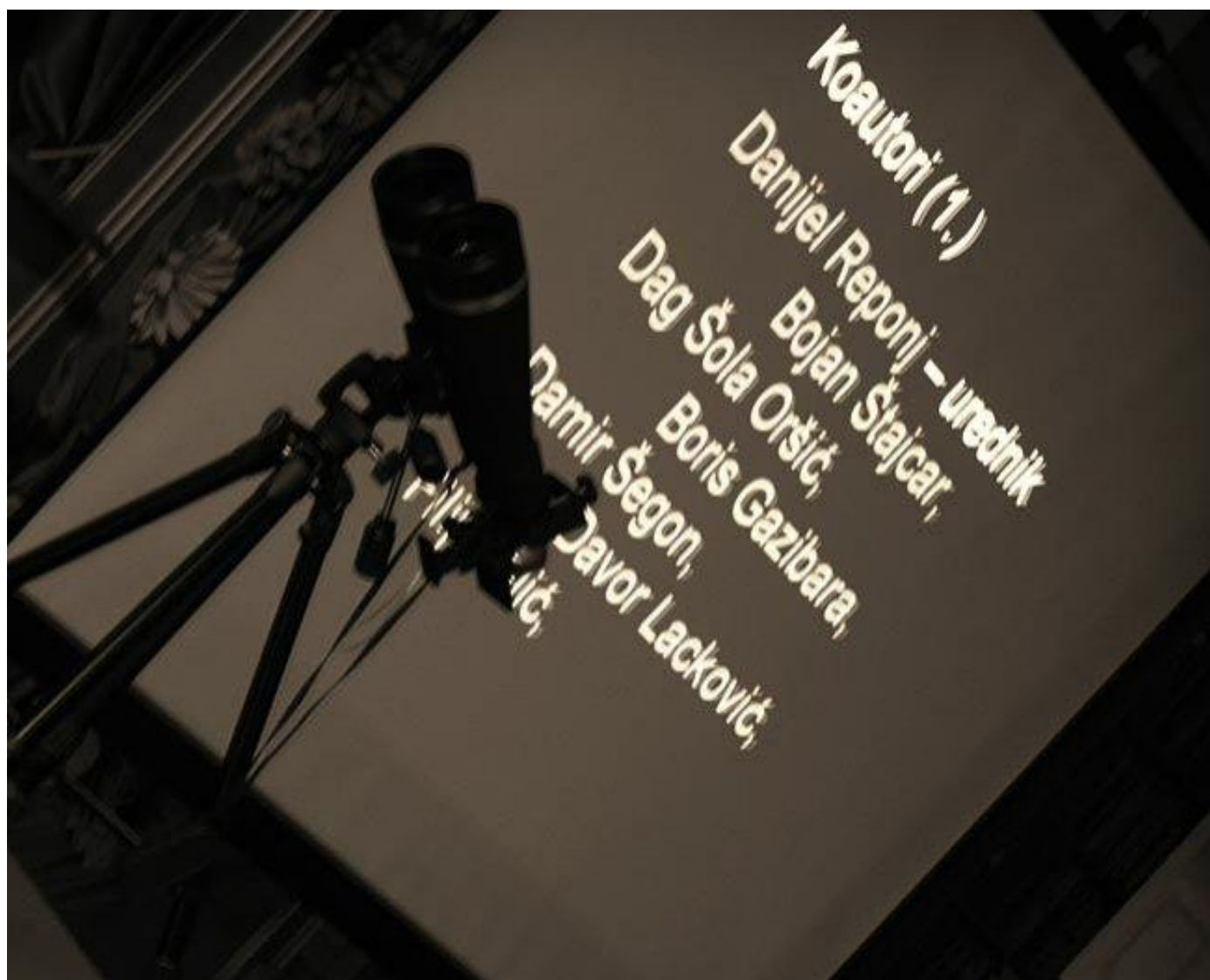


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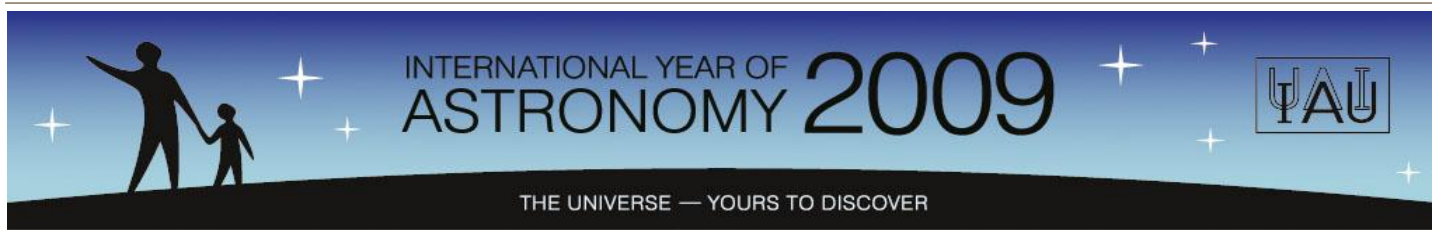
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October 26 and 27, 2009

- Public observing of the Moon, planet Jupiter, double star Albireo and star clusters
- To conclude, residents were being informed about IYA2009 activities in Virovitica by local radio. Activities appeared on the Internet and of course newspaper. We took part in [AstroForum](#) - the greatest web forum in our country (Created by Danijel Reponj - resident of Virovitica)

<http://www.zvezdarnica.com/forum/index.php?board=37.0>

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