

## FOREWORD

The year 1995 was one of sanctions against astronomy in this country, enforced by the despotism of the unscrupulous world's mighty ones, contrary to all solemn international conventions on the freedom of scientific work, contrary to the Declaration on Human Rights, protecting the science and scientists. Nevertheless, we worked hard, contributing to the international science, supported by our numerous friends throughout the world, for whom the universality of science and solidarity with their colleagues was above all unworthy acts of international wielder of might.

In the course of 1995, 128 bibliographic items have been published by our fellows, 9 of which in international scientific journals of highest rank, 3 incorporated in books issued by international publishers, 28 in national journals, 62 as contributed papers at international or national conferences and 6 as circulars. Eleven invited lectures have been given by Observatory's fellows at various conferences, 7 reviews in Serbian and 2 reports having been published.

Of the two regular Observatory's publications, Nos. 151 and 152 of the *BULLETIN ASTRONOMIQUE DE BELGRADE*, as well as Nos. 48, 49 and 50 of the *PUBLICATIONS DE L' OBSERVATOIRE ASTRONOMIQUE DE BELGRADE* have been issued. These publications are regularly sent to 119 institutions and libraries in 43 countries and to 12 institutions within Yugoslavia.

Observatory's fellows have participated in works of 12 international conferences abroad (47 journeys by 21 fellows) and two domestic conferences (9 journeys by 8 fellows).

Organized by the Observatory alone or jointly with our friends were :

1. International Russian-Yugoslav Conference "Newcomb and the Fundamental Astronomy", St. Petersburg, 14 - 17 March, 1995.
2. First Hungarian-Yugoslav Astronomical Conference, Baja, 26 - 27 April, 1995.
3. First Romanian-Yugoslav Round Table on Cooperation in Astronomy, Timisoara, 20 July, 1995.
4. First Yugoslav Conference on Spectral Line Shapes, Krivaja, 11 - 14 September, 1995.

Agreements on collaboration have been signed with observatories in Bucharest, Cluj and Timisoara (12 May 1995), observatory in Kazan, Department of Astronomy and Department of Optics and Spectroscopy of the Kazan State University (18 August 1995), Institute of Molecular and Atomic Physics (Minsk) of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences and Institute of Applied Physical Problems (Minsk) of the State University (15 September 1995), Crimean Astrophysical Observatory, Odessa (27 November, 1995). Apart from this, our Observatory's fellows have maintained collaboration with their colleagues in Belgium, Brazil, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, North Ireland and Spain.

We did our best to contribute to the science, but also to the astronomical education and popularization of science and its achievements. Besides numerous newspaper articles and radio and TV emissions they authored, our fellows gave 53 lectures on astronomical subjects outside as well as inside our institution. Hence our Observatory, while holding on its prime task : pursuing research and science, is discharging also another important role of being a centre of cultural life in our country.