

FOREWORD

During 1997, 152 bibliographic items have been published, with 11 among them in international scientific journals of highest rank, 4 in books of international publishers, 28 in national scientific journals, 2 in books reproducing invited lectures of international conferences, 79 as contributed papers of international and national conferences, and 22 in IAU circulars. Eight invited lectures have been given by fellows of Observatory at national conferences. One catalogue in Bulletin Astronomique de Belgrade, 5 reviews and monographic texts in national publications as well as two M.Sc theses have been published. Our fellow Zoran Knežević has been the reviewer of one article for each: ICARUS, CELESTIAL MECHANICS and PLANETARY and SPACE SCIENCE.

Numbers 155 and 156 of the Observatory's regular publication BULLETIN ASTRONOMIQUE DE BELGRADE, as well as Nos. 55, 56, 57 and 58 of the PUBLICATIONS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF BELGRADE have been issued. These publications are regularly sent to 126 institutions and libraries in 43 countries and to 14 institutions and libraries within Yugoslavia.

Observatory's fellows have participated in works of 13 International conferences abroad (30 participations by 10 fellows) and four conferences in Yugoslavia (21 participations by 16 fellows).

Organized by the Observatory were:

1. Razvoj astronomije kod Srba (Development of astronomy among Serbs), Belgrade, 1-9.04. 1997.

With the participation of Observatory were organized:

2. III Romanian - Yugoslav round table on cooperation in astronomy, Cluj - Napoca, 6.10. 1996.
3. II Yugoslav Conference on Spectral Line Shapes, Bela Crkva, 29.09 - 2.10. 1997.

During 1997, Observatory's fellows have continued collaboration with their colleagues in Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, North Ireland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine. New individual collaborations between our Observatory's fellows and their colleagues in Bulgaria, Estonia, USA and Uzbekistan have been established in the course of 1997.

Besides numerous newspaper articles and radio and TV emissions Observatory's fellows authored, they gave 37 lectures on astronomical subjects outside as well as within our institution, contributing to the cultural life in our country.

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