

FOREWORD

During 1999, in spite of NATO aggression on Yugoslavia and the destruction of one of the Belgrade Observatory's fundamental instruments - the Large Meridian Circle during a NATO aggressors air attack (on May 13th), 112 bibliographic items have been published by the Observatory's fellows, 23 of which in international scientific journals of highest rank, 3 in books issued by international publishers, 22 in national scientific journals, 42 as contributed papers at international and national conferences and 8 in the IAU circulars. Six invited lectures have been given by the Observatory's fellows at international conferences and five at the national ones. In addition, two Ph.D. Theses and one M.Sc. Thesis have been published.

Numbers 159 and 160 of the Observatory's publication SERBIAN ASTRONOMICAL JOURNAL, as well as Nos. 63, 64, 65 and 66 of the PUBLICATIONS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF BELGRADE have been issued. These publications are regularly sent to 136 scientific institutions and libraries in 45 countries throughout the world and to 15 institutions and libraries within Yugoslavia.

Observatory's fellows took part in works of 8 scientific conferences abroad (9 participations by 6 fellows) and 3 conferences in Yugoslavia (35 participation by 22 fellows).

Belgrade Observatory organized, or took part in the organization of, the following conferences:

1. III Yugoslav Conference on Spectral Line Shapes, Brankovac (Fruška gora), 4-6. Oct. 1999.
2. XII National Conference of Yugoslav Astronomers and International Workshop on the Development of Astronomical Databases, Belgrade, 19-21. Nov. 1999.
3. Simpozijum Milanković - juče, danas, sutra (Symposium Milanković - yesterday, today, tomorrow), Belgrade, 25-26. Nov. 1999.

During 1998-99, Observatory's fellows continued collaboration with their colleagues in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraina, USA and Uzbekistan.

Besides numerous newspaper articles, radio and TV emissions Observatory's fellows authored. they gave 48 lectures on astronomical subjects outside our institution, thus contributing to the cultural life in our country. In addition, 4 lectures were given at the Astronomical Observatory itself.

As from 1998 Astronomical Observatory maintains internet connection available from each one of the personal computer at the Observatory with Windows 95 installed. I note also that Serbian Astronomical Journal is available on www through the Astrophysical Data System (ADS), thanks to the courtesy of the System's holders. The www address is: <http://adswww.harvard.edu/~BOBeo>. During 1999, the web site of the Belgrade Astronomical Observatory has been made and the corresponding www address is: <http://www.aob.bg.ac.yu>. Moreover, the database BELDATA has started developing, being available through internet at the address: <http://www.aob.bg.ac.yu/BELDATA>.