

HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY IN PROKUPLJE

In this article we present history of astronomy in the town of Prokuplje. Until the end of the 20th Century, all activities were in the area of popularization and education of astronomy. The first amateur's attempts in astronomy occurred when the Gymnasium in Prokuplje was founded in the year 1908. The important place in these activities had Aleksa Savić, the recognized medical doctor and charitable man from Prokuplje. In the last two decades, the work of the astronomical section of the Elementary school *Ratko Pavlović Ćićko* has been particularly recognized. After the year 2000, astronomy has been much represented, not only at the popular but at the scientific level, too. This is due to the activities of the amateur's society *Magellanic cloud* and the rising of the *Astronomical station* at the mountain Vidojevica of the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade, situated near Prokuplje.