

ZAHARIJE BRKIC - LIFE AND WORK

Professor Dr Zaharije Brkic started his astronomical career at the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade (AOB) in 1938 and remained within astronomy tirelessly for forty years. He was the first Ph.D. graduate in astronomy from the University of Belgrade. He was a co-founder of two scientific groups at the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade: The time keeping group and The group for investigation of changes in longitude. He was successfully directing the Time Service and the Longitude Service of the AOB for many years. Although working in modest facilities with a small number of assistants he succeeded in improving the quality of observations up to a scientific level which led to the entrance with a high rang into the International Time Service. As the university professor he educated many generations of geodetic engineers and astronomers. He wrote as a co-author the first two university astronomical textbooks in Serbian language. He was decorated for his merits with the Order of Labor with Red Flag.