

Promoting Astronomy in Russia

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interstellar medium, astrochemistry, organic
matter in the Universe

Professional Astronomy in Russia

- ~1400 astronomers (3 IAU members per 1 million)
- 8 mostly astronomical research institutes
- 9 research institutes with some astronomy
- 17 astronomical (astrophysical) departments at universities

Astronomy locations



Amateur Astronomy and Astronomy for the Public

- Astronomical clubs (sometimes very informal and very small, but nearly in every big town)
- Sidewalk astronomy (sometimes with support from businesses)
- Astronomy children groups
- Amateur astronomy festivals



Astrofest & SibAstro



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Planetariums



Involvement of Professional Astronomers

- Open days and tours at observatories
- Mass media: interviews, educational programs, expert opinions, etc.
- Public lectures
- Online courses
- Science festivals
- Popular articles



Special Events

- Solar and lunar eclipses
- Planetary transits
- Comets, meteor showers, etc.



Problems

- A level of astronomical literacy is very low
- People are eager to believe in any myths (Sun is ready to explode, the Earth axis is about to flip, a giant asteroid is about to hit the planet, etc.)
- Language
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- Public involvement in IAU activities is nearly non-existent (NameExoWorld — one proposal, rejected)

and weather!

Now we have 4 organisations In the directory

LOCATIONS

Russian Federati



CATEGORIES

All



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Tags: astronomy, education



Astrospace Association Sirius-86 (Астрокосмическая ассоциация Сириус-86)



Location	Russian Federation, Rezh	http://vgolendukhins86.wix.com/sirius86
Members	50 - 99	vgolendukhin@yandex.ru
Staff members	1 - 9	
Students	50 - 99	
Vistors per year	100 - 299	
Language	Russian	

Tags: astronomical education



The Zvenigorod House of Children Creativity



Location	Russian Federation, Zvenigorod	http://zvenddt.ru/c_astronomicon.shtml
Vistors per year	300 - 599	awiebe@mail.ru
Language	Russian	

Tags: Stargazing,communicating astronomy to the public



Astro-Club Nippy within Amelkin GbR



Location	Russian Federation, Moscow	http://stihi.ru/avtor/nippy
Admins	1	info@amelkin.de
Members	1 - 9	
Language	English, German, Russian	

Tags: Astronomy, AstroPoetry, AstroArt,Observation,Literature,Sci-Fi

Solution?

- We plan to organize an associated regional OAD node and a language expertise center

