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LOCAL NEWS

UNICEF MARKED WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY TOGETHER WITH THE BYURAKAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

On 20 November, UNICEF celebrates World Children's Day around the globe, highlighting the importance of protecting and promoting the rights of every child. This year, UNICEF marked the day together with the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory, where the Observatory's largest telescope was illuminated in UNICEF's symbolic blue color.

The initiative carried a powerful and inspiring message: every child is like a star. Alone, each one is a point of light, but together, united by their universal rights, children form bright constellations that guide our shared future. When even one child's rights are ignored, a star flickers and the constellation begins to fade.

By lighting the Observatory in blue, Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory and UNICEF sent a visible message through the darkness: we see you, we hear you, and we will not let your light go out.

This symbolic action served as a reminder that every child deserves protection, dignity, opportunity, and the full realization of their rights. Against the backdrop of the Observatory and its largest telescope, the blue illumination became both a sign of solidarity and a celebration of children everywhere.



Happy World Children's Day!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BYURAKAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY PARTICIPATED IN MEARIM-7 REGIONAL ASTRONOMY MEETING IN JORDAN

The **7th Middle East and Africa Regional IAU Meeting (MEARIM-7)** took place on 11–13 November 2025 in Amman, Jordan, bringing together astronomers and institutions from across the region.

The Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory (BAO) had a strong presence at the meeting, with the Armenian delegation represented by BAO Director Areg Mickaelian and BAO Educational and Outreach Project Manager Ani Davtyan. BAO contributed with four presentations, including one keynote talk. In addition, BAO was represented in the Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC) and was listed among the meeting's organizing institutions, highlighting its active role in regional and international astronomical cooperation.

An important outcome of the meeting was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory and the University of Jordan, opening new prospects for future academic and scientific collaboration.

BAO's participation in MEARIM-7 once again emphasized its commitment to strengthening regional partnerships, promoting scientific exchange, and contributing to the development of astronomy in the Middle East and beyond.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF BYURAKAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY'S ASTRONOMERS

No.	Authors	Title	Publication
1.	Torres, G.; Neuhäuser, R.; Hüttel, S.; Hambaryan, V.	Correction to: Spectroscopic follow-up of candidate runaway stars	Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society

ArAS News is the electronic newsletter of the Armenian Astronomical Society, distributed to all ArAS members since the beginning of 2002.

The newsletter features informational materials on [ArAS](#), the [Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory](#), and Armenian astronomy in general. It includes reports on ArAS Annual Meetings, the participation of Armenian astronomers in major international meetings, and articles dedicated to the anniversaries of prominent Armenian astronomers and ArAS members.

In addition, ArAS News covers the admission of new ArAS members, the achievements of Armenian astronomers, developments in astronomical education in Armenia, Armenian archaeoastronomy, and scientific review articles on significant studies.

Researchers who wish to share their work with the scientific community are invited to submit their articles to lilit.darbinyan7@gmail.com.

All submissions will be considered and reviewed for possible publication in upcoming issues of ArAS News.

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