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EAS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING WITH AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

The EAS Council Business Meeting with Affiliated Societies is held annually in January. In 2026, it took place on 22–23 January in Munich/Garching, Germany, with the participation of 20 representatives from 18 countries.



During the meeting, Areg Mickaelian and Gayane Baleyan presented the 2025 report of the Armenian Astronomical Society. The participants also discussed the EAS Strategic Plan for 2026–2035, to which Areg Mickaelian and Gayane Baleyan contributed a number of proposals.

As part of the visit, Areg Mickaelian and Gayane Baleyan met with ESO Director General Xavier Barcons and visited the ESO Supernova Planetarium & Visitor Centre.

They also discussed with Prof. Arūnas Kučinskas, Chair of the Board of Directors of the European journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics* (A&A), the possibility of organizing an A&A School on Scientific Writing for Young Astronomers (SWYA) in Armenia.

VISIT TO ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE IAU SWCA ROAD FRAMEWORK

The visit to Istanbul University, Turkey, took place within the framework of the International Astronomical Union South West and Central Asia Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (IAU SWCA ROAD).

On 26 January 2026, Areg Mickaelian and Gayane Baleyan delivered an invited seminar entitled “The Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory and Multiwavelength Studies of Active Galaxies.”



During the visit, they held discussions with Prof. Sinan Alis, Alper Ates, and Suleyman Fisek.

Areg Mickaelian and Gayane Baleyan also met with Prof. Tolga Guver, Head of the Department of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Istanbul University.

On the same day, they also visited one of the most important Armenian educational institutions in the Diaspora, the Getronagan Armenian High School of Istanbul, where they met with the Principal, Silva Kuyumciyan, as well as with the school’s teachers and students.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF BYURAKAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY'S ASTRONOMERS

No.	Authors	Title	Publication
1.	Patiño-Álvarez, V. M.; Guerrero-González, J. U.; Chavushyan, V.; Monjardin- Ward, D. E.; Arshakian, T. G.; Cruz-González, I.	The Baldwin effect and the Mg II - 3000 Å luminosity relation in blazars	Contributions of the Astronomical Observatory Skalnaté Pleso
2.	Patiño-Álvarez, V. M.; Guerrero-González, J. U.; Chavushyan, V.; Monjardin- Ward, D. E.; Arshakian, T. G.; Cruz-González, I.	The relationship between the emission line, continuum luminosity, and Baldwin effect in blazars: I. The case of the Mg II λ2798 Å emission line	Astronomy & Astrophysics

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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