

ESO Science Outreach Network in Poland during 2011-2013

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ESON Poland works since 2010. One of the main tasks of the ESO Science Outreach Network (ESON) is translation of various materials at ESO website, as well as contacts with journalists. We support also science festivals, conferences, contests, exhibitions, astronomy camps and workshops and other educational and outreach activities. During 2011-2013 we supported events like ESO Astronomy Camp 2013, ESO Industry Days in Warsaw, Warsaw Science Festival, Torun Festival of Science and Art, international astronomy olympiad held in Poland and many others. Among big tasks there was also translation of over 60 ESOcast movies.

1 ESO in Polish

ESON Poland works since 2010. One of the main tasks of the ESO Science Outreach Network (ESON) are translations of various materials at www.eso.org website. The Polish translations include ESO Press Releases, as well as some ESO Announcements, Pictures of the Week and other materials. There is also a series of over 60 ESOcast movies translated, and partially also Hubblecast movies - during this task several volunteer translators were engaged. Address for the Polish version of ESO website is <http://www.eso.org/public/poland>. Contact with ESON Poland: eson-poland@eso.org.

2 Events in Poland supported by ESO

Various Polish events of popularization of astronomy have been supported by ESO. Among them there were festivals of science, contests, conferences, exhibitions, astronomical camps, and even a big music concert and multimedia show. Here is a list of selected events from 2011 to 2013:

- V International Astronomy Olympiad, Chorzów, 2011
- XXXV Meeting of Polish Astronomical Society, Gdańsk, 2011
- XIII Science and Art Festival, Toruń, 2012
- Almukantarat Camp for school students, 2012
- VII Seminar for Astronomy Students in Poland, Zielona Góra, 2012
- XVII Science Festival of Polish Radio and Copernicus Science Centre, Warsaw, 2013

- International Scouts Camp WICEK, Torun, 2013
- XXXVI Meeting of Polish Astronomical Society, Warsaw 2013
- XVII Warsaw Science Festival, Warszawa 2013
- Music concert and multimedia show: Classical music -Planets, Congress Hall, Warsaw 25.10.2013

What is interesting, the ESO book *Europe to the Stars* was presented to the President of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski, during his visit at the opening of the ESO exhibition for an international scout camp WICEK 2013 in Torun.

3 ESO Astronomy Camp 2013

ESO Astronomy Camp 2013 was the first edition of international astronomical camp for youth. The contest was quite popular among Polish school students, we have received 34 entries from Poland, which was 20% of total number of entries from all countries. Finally, six participants from Poland took part in the camp. For three of them we secured bursaries to fully cover costs of participation and air tickets. Bursaries were funded by Polish Astronomical Society, National Children's Fund and European Southern Observatory. Participation of three other Polish participants was partially supported by local institutions and their schools.

4 ESO Industry Days in Warsaw

ESO Industry Days (Warsztaty ESO dla Przemysłu) were held in Warsaw on 22 January 2013. They were organised by the Polish Astronomical Society and the N. Copernicus Astronomical Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences, with big organisational contribution of the ESON Poland. During the conference a high ESO officials presented the ESO offer and possibilities for the industry and cooperation with scientific and technical institutes, and particularly E-ELT project contract possibilities. 74 participants from companies from various industry branches, as well as representatives of a few polytechnics and other technical institutes registered their participation in the conference. The website of the conference is: <http://eso-industry.pta.edu.pl>.

5 ESO exhibition

During 2012 we have prepared an ESO exhibition, which consists in a set of 10 exhibition boards. The boards are available for free to present in any place in Poland. Any institution interested in such exhibition must only cover the transport cost. At the moment, in 2014 the boards are stored in Warsaw. There are also three other exhibition panels sets also available in different formats in other cities. Please contact with eson-poland@eso.org for more details.

6 Polish media visit in ESO observatories in Chile

The visit by journalist from Poland was one of the first media visits organized by ESO within ESON Network. It was held from 22th to 28th November 2011. Among a group of Polish journalists there was a representation of the daily mainstream newspaper *Rzeczpospolita*, weekly *Polityka*, weekly *Gość Niedzielny*, regional newspapers, as well

as a team from the Polish Television (TVP) from TVP Bydgoszcz. TV output of the visit has been recorded in the form of two short (about 5 minutes) and one longer (about 25 minutes, title: *Gwiazdy to za mało*) TV reportages which have been screened many times on regional TV channels, as well as on national wide TVP Info channel. These TV programs had probably quite high coverage of the audience, as during some talk with ordinary people not interested in astronomy as their hobby there were sometimes statements from them like "we have seen on TV about ALMA and big ESO telescopes". There were also a couple of articles, reportages and a blog in newspapers and the internet.