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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GLOBAL ASTRONOMY MONTH 2016**



Global Astronomy Month 2016 fills the entire month of April again with exciting programs for astronomy enthusiasts worldwide. Whether it's stargazing, sharing with the public, or the cosmos in art, there is something for everyone in Global Astronomy Month 2016 (GAM 2016).

Global Astronomy Month, organized each April by Astronomers Without Borders, is the world's largest annual global celebration of astronomy. Each GAM brings new ideas and new opportunities, and GAM 2016 is no exception, once again bringing enthusiasts together worldwide to celebrate Astronomers Without Borders' motto: One People, One Sky.

Dozens of programs fill the month of April, with highlighted events worldwide including:

- **OPTICKS:** a Cosmic Mail Art, transmits images to the Moon and back as radio signals in real time.
- **Faces of Astronomy:** Astronomers Without Borders is nothing without its community. With the launch of Faces of Astronomy on April 18 we're sharing the stories of people worldwide, highlighting differences and similarities of everyone in the AWB global astronomy community. Stories of astronomy as hobby and science, inspiration and hope, culture and tradition will be shared with the world, and the AWB Facebook page will highlight one new photo and story every day.
- Thousands will view the heavens through telescopes provided by amateur astronomers and science centers during the Global Star Party, SunDay and other observing events.
- Online observing with popular astronomer Gianluca Masi will feature live interaction with a worldwide audience in the hugely popular Online Messier Marathon. The Virtual



Telescope Project will offer a tour of the brightest star clusters, nebulae and galaxies in the sky in one night.

- AWB's wide-ranging Astro-Arts connects art and culture with astronomy in exciting ways with blog posts and special live webcasts, including the annual Cosmic Concert with original music composed and performed by Giovanni Renzo.
- Partner programs bring new audiences and participants: Measuring light pollution worldwide in Globe at Night, classrooms discovering asteroids in the International Asteroid Search Campaign, and more.

The KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY as the Cyprus National Coordinator for Astronomers Without Borders since 2010, organizes this April, public events for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, local and online, for people to get involved, observe or share knowledge and observations, science or art. There is always something for everyone.

GAM 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE FOR CYPRUS:

[http://www.astronomycyprus.eu/docs/April2016Events\\_KPO.pdf](http://www.astronomycyprus.eu/docs/April2016Events_KPO.pdf)

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Cyprus National Coordinator for Astronomers Without Borders

Cyprus National Coordinator for UN World Space Week

Cyprus National Coordinator for Sidewalk Astronomers

NASA Radio Jove Project

Projects Coordinated and involved:

Cosmic Light Reaches Cyprus 2016, Program Inventor/Promoter/Host/Organizer

UCLAN, International Astrophysics Conference, Disc Dynamics and Planet Formation, Organizational Partner 2015

KITION 2014 – CHARITY ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

Host/Organizer, Cyprus DomeFest 2011

Cyprus Science Festival Organizational Partner 2011

BEYOND IYA2009

EARTH HOUR BLUE 60+

GLOBE AT NIGHT

SEASONS WITHOUT BORDERS

BEAUTY WITHOUT BORDERS

InOMN (INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT)

METEORS WITHOUT BORDERS

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