



## PRESS RELEASE

### **KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY, CYPRUS celebrates the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN-declared World Space Week**

Kiti, 1 October 2015 – World Space Week 2015 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of this special week by the United Nations in 1999. Starting with only a handful of events in the early days, World Space Week has now grown into the largest public space event on Earth. Last year over 1,400 events were organized in 80 countries on all continents, including Antarctica, and popularity is still growing.

World Space Week is held every year from 4 to 10 October. These dates commemorate the launch of Sputnik I on 4 October 1957, and the entering into force of the UN Outer Space Treaty on 10 October 1967. The objective of World Space Week as declared in 1999 is to “increase awareness among decision makers and civil society of the benefits of the peaceful uses of space science and technology for sustainable development”. It is to be a “yearly celebration at the international level of the contribution that space science and technology can make to the betterment of the human condition”.

Every year World Space Week has a different theme, highlighting a specific angle of space science. With its newest theme “Discovery” World Space Week will focus on the benefits of discoveries in 2015. With this theme, World Space Week hopes to improve knowledge of this clear benefit of space technology for the betterment of humankind.

World Space Week events are held all over the world, in schools, universities, science centers, planetaria, musea, companies and many other places. You can see the full calendar of planned events on the World Space Week website: [www.worldspaceweek.org](http://www.worldspaceweek.org)

KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY, CYPRUS KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY as the National coordinator for World Space Week in Cyprus has scheduled the following events for the celebrations of the World Space Week 2015 in Cyprus:

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**FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/kition/>**

**GOOGLE MAP: <http://goo.gl/VndJv6>**



SUNDAY, 4 OCT 2015

16:00 WORLD SPACE WEEK 2015 "DISCOVERY" OPENING CEREMONY  
OPENING CEREMONY (GR)

"DISCOVER THE SUN" (EN - GR - RU)

PLACE: KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCT 2015

17:30 WORLD SPACE WEEK 2015 "DISCOVERY"  
FAMILY PROGRAM

"DISCOVER THE UNIVERSE"

PLACE: "HELIOSTALAGMATIES", LARNAKA

FRIDAY, 9 OCT 2015

17:30 WORLD SPACE WEEK 2015 "DISCOVERY"

"DISCOVER THE UNIVERSE"

PLACE: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, NICOSIA

SATURDAY, 10 OCT 2015

20:30 WORLD SPACE WEEK 2015 "DISCOVERY" CLOSING CEREMONY

21:00 TELECONFERENCE

"DISCOVER ASTRONOMY"

WITH BEND, OREGON, USA

PLACE: KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY

All KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY planned events for October 2015 can be found on our website: <http://astronomycyprus.eu> and our facebook group <http://www.facebook.com/groups/kition>

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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:

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

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EARTH HOUR BLUE 60+  
GLOBE AT NIGHT  
SEASONS WITHOUT BORDERS  
BEAUTY WITHOUT BORDERS  
InOMN (INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT)  
METEORS WITHOUT BORDERS  
ECLIPSE WITHOUT BORDERS  
GALILEAN NIGHTS  
GLOBAL ASTRONOMY MONTH  
OBSERVING SOLAR AND JOVIAN BURSTS  
GEOLOGY AND FOSSILS OF CYPRUS  
BIODIVERSITY OF CYPRUS



Sunday 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: 16:00

discovery

WORLD SPACE WEEK  
OPENING CEREMONY

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