

Dear members and friends of the KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY (CYPRUS),

In archeoastronomy research conducted by the KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY, it was found that the basic myths, which are usually named “myths of the creation” and “myths the end of the world”, and which come from different cultures in different parts of the world, are deeply connected with the description of total solar eclipse. The majority of them include a tree associated with different meanings, such as the Tree of Life or the World Tree. In this meeting of the Online Science Café the heuristic approach in search of the Oldest World Tree in human culture will be proposed. To find out more please join our Online Science Café [The Oldest World Tree. Heuristic Approach](#) on Tuesday, August 30 at 20:00 (Cyprus time, UT+3). All Science Café meetings are free of charge and everyone can join. Get your free Zoom Codes [here](#).

These days planet *Jupiter* appears in the evening over eastern sky. Jupiter is the brightest object on the sky after the Moon, and attracts the attention of observers during the whole night. Telescopes reveal the dramatic dance of its 4 moons around the planet. Saturn with its gorgeous rings is high up in the sky, the Milky Way is passing via zenith with a whole bunch of clusters and nebulae in the center of the Our Galaxy. All these celestial bodies create an amazing view of the sky in September. Booking for [private programs](#) is now available until the end of September. Live the experience of unique planetarium programs, interesting collections of geological samples and fossils and space exhibits. Observe with professional telescopes the planets and gems of the night sky.

The astronomy course “[Read the Sky](#)” will take place in September. COVID-19 measures and decrees issued by the Cyprus Government will be followed. We will accept bookings for no more than 10 attendees per session. Register now ([adult](#) and [student](#) tickets).

This year the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics took place in August. Cyprus was represented by a team of 5 students. **Ara Mahdessian** (The English School, Nicosia) attended the [KITION ASTRONOMY ACADEMY](#) during last year. It helped him to achieve the first place in Lyceum competitions in Cyprus, and won a bronze medal in the International Olympiad (center on photo). **Our congratulations to the Cyprus Team and to Ara for achieving the bronze medal!** At the moment Cyprus achievements in total: 4 honorably mentioned diplomas and 1 bronze medal in International Olympiad, out of which 3 honorably mentioned diplomas and 1 bronze medal were gained by students who studied at the KITION PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY.



Registrations for the *first* year of [KITION ASTRONOMY ACADEMY](#) 2022-2023 have already started. Three different levels are available for students. It is worth to mention that Gymnasium and Lyceum students who attended our previous years’ courses have achieved distinctions in the International Olympiads in Astronomy and Astrophysics, and the Pancyprian Astronomy Olympiads, and participated in international conferences. The *second* year students will start lessons on September 9.

If you wish to organize an astronomy or science related educational event feel free to [contact us](#).

**Join our spacewalk...**

Best regards,

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