

Introduction

Editorial board *

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The Regional Astronomical Workshop aims to summarize and report regional activities and to exchange experience in Astronomy/Astrophysics and related scientific research, Astronomical Heritage and Regional Tourism, Astronomy Education and Outreach. The workshop promotes the establishment of regional collaboration and networks.



The Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory (BAO) hosts the IAU South West and Central Asian Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (SWCA ROAD), where 6 countries are officially involved. Armenia, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Turkey. SWCA ROAD closely collaborated with the neighboring Arab World ROAD and European ROAD (E-ROAD). SWCA ROAD organizes a number of meetings and other events and runs a number of projects, including one of the most important Regional Astro Tourism project.

During the 5 days of the Workshop, the participants will have sessions on Regional activities, astrophysical research, Inter- and Multi- Disciplinary Sciences, Astronomical Heritage and Regional Tourism, Astronomy Education and Outreach.

The topics of *The Regional Astronomical Workshop* conference cover a wide range of scientific directions: 1) IAU OAD activities; 2) IAU OAD activities; 3) Regional countries' activities; 4) Astrophysical research in Armenia; 5) Regional collaboration; 6) Inter- and Multi- Disciplinary Sciences; 7) Virtual Observatory Network; 8) Astronomical Heritage and Regional Tourism; 9) Astronomy Education and Outreach.

Active scientific discussion of the presented tasks will undoubtedly serve as a guarantee of further fruitful cooperation.

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