We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Initiative for International Association of Dark-Sky Parks

Dark-Sky Slovenia

Why?

- Night observations at the darkest spot in Europe.
- Quality lectures by international experts.
- Splendorous sights of this beautiful nature park.
- Telescopes will reveal 0.5 to 4 magnitudes fainter objects in comparison with the majority of amateur observatories in Europe.
- Seeing is considerably better at Lastovo than in most of Europe, so fainter objects are more easily visible with more details.
- Observing the Milky Way as you may not have seen it before.
- Under good conditions you might see the reflection of the Milky Way in the sea.
- Night swimming in water with luminescent plankton (visible only in dark places).
- Warm, crystal clear sea, also great for swimming and diving.
- You might see the zodiacal light and gegenschein.
- Combine summer family holidays with astronomy.
- Affordable prices.

Registration

REGISTER NOW on www.darkskyparks.org,
call +386 1 477 66 53 or write to darksky@tp-lj.si.

Topics of the Symposium:

- Light pollution as a threat to professional and amateur astronomy, animals and humans.
- Night sky as cultural and natural heritage.
- How to reduce light pollution in urban areas and how should individuals contribute.
- The role of astronomers, park managers, biologists and environmentalists in establishing dark-sky parks.
- Tourism opportunities under dark skies.
- Establishment of international association of dark-sky parks.

For Whom?

- Astronomers, biologists, conservationists and their families,
- Professionals from protected areas,
- Professionals from the field of (eco)tourism, natural and cultural heritage,
- Representatives of NGOs,
- Lighting experts to experience what we are bereft of in most parts of Europe.

Location

Lastovo Island in Croatia is a part of Lastovo archipelago, which was proclaimed Nature Park in 2006. Contrary to the most sites in Europe Lastovo still retains relatively natural night sky.

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You are invited to attend also the 10th European Symposium for the protection of night sky in Kaposvár, Hungary from 3rd – 4th September 2010.