

International Conference
“ Actual Questions of Ground-based Observational Astronomy” (MAO-200)
September 27-30, 2021, Mykolaiv, Ukraine
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The conference is organized by:
Research Institute “Mykolaiv Astronomical Observatory”
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The first Announcement

Research Institute "Mykolaiv Astronomical Observatory" invites you to participate in the International Conference MAO-200, titled "Actual Questions of Ground-based Observational Astronomy", which will be held in RI "MAO" (Mykolaiv, Ukraine) on September 27-30, 2021*.

The conference is organized to discuss methods and technical means of ground-based observations, a role of the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) in modern research, actual problems of ground-based astronomy as well as history of astronomical research. Working languages are English and Ukrainian.

Main Topics of the Conference

1. Methods, technical means and software for ground-based observations and data processing.
2. Use of IVOA technologies for solution of modern astronomical problems.
3. Results of data processing for ground-based observations.
4. History of astronomical research.

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Important information about terms of registration, preparation of abstracts and papers is available on the conference site: <http://www.mao.nikolaev.ua/MAO-200/index.html>

* In case of establishment of **"yellow"**, **"orange"**, **"red"** levels of epidemic danger in Mykolaiv on September 27 - 30, the conference will be held as a web-conference. In other case the conference will be held in the RI "MAO", taking into account quarantine specified regulations.

The government has extended quarantine in Ukraine until August 31, 2021, while a **"green"** level of epidemic danger is being established throughout the country. Holding mass events is allowed under the conditions of wearing masks and providing personal protective equipment to employees. In this case, compliance with the mask regime is optional provided that all participants and organizers of the event have one of the following documents: negative result of testing for COVID-19 by PCR (not more than 72 hours before the event), negative result of a rapid test to determine the antigen of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (not more than 72 hours before the event), a document confirming receipt of a full course of vaccination from COVID-19 vaccines included in the WHO list of permitted for use in emergencies.

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