

Thessaloniki,

24 April 2024



Dear colleagues,

The Balkan Physical Union and the Hellenic Physical Society are organizing a summer school of Physics in Thessaloniki, focusing on Astronomy and Astrophysics.

This summer school will be held from August **26th to 30th**.

The main aim of this activity is to promote the teaching of astronomy in our region and foster friendship among Balkan people.

The participants will consist of **20 students aged 13-16** from the 10 Balkan countries that are members of BPU, along with **10 teachers**, one representing each country. Teachers and students will be selected by their respective national societies. It is recommended that the teachers have a background in astronomy so they may deliver a lecture to students (though not necessary) and participate in roundtable discussions about Astronomy. A short CV of the teachers is requested.

Significant astronomers from Greece and other Balkan countries will deliver the lectures. Classes will take place in the morning and afternoon, with stargazing sessions at night.

The school will be hosted at the American Farm School (AFS) in Thessaloniki. [You might want to add the link here for easy access: <https://www.afs.edu.gr/>]

There will be parallel events, a social program, and visits to culturally significant areas.

I look forward to your feedback, so we can begin preparations for the inaugural BALKAN SUMMER SCHOOL.

Warm regards,

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BPU Executive Secretary