



SEULASETRY

Introduction and Activities

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(Seulaset = Pleiades)

Established 1973

Observatory built in 2000

Close cooperation with Kontiolahti
municipality and the local Jakokoski
village council

Currently ~100 members

700-1300 visitors/year



Events for members:

- Monthly meetings
- Lectures
- Observation nights
- Excursions
- Courses in Astronomy and Astrophotography
- Science!



Public outreach:

- Free tours for school groups from the nearby municipalities
- Visiting lectures for STEM classes in schools
- Public events at the Botania gardens (Sun observations during solar eclipses)
- Courses at the local Community Colleges

Biggest events of the year:

- Halloween at the Observatory
- Winter Holidays Open House





Planned development:

- Cooperation with local hospitality providers
- Video lectures for public nights
- Organizing excursions to Dark Sites
- More public events at the city center + Botania
- Automating observatory operations
- Remote observatory access
- Engage members in Observation Campaigns



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