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SUBJECT	Radio astronomy colloquium at the Institute of Astronomy
DATE	06-07.09.2012
PLACE	Bucharest, Romania
PARTICIPANTS	Leonid Gurvits (JIVE)

BACKGROUND:

The colloquium was organised and hosted by the Institute of Astronomy of the Romanian Academy of Sciences (Prof. M. Stavinschi). The goal of the colloquium was to present to the Romanian professional community the opportunities offered to European researchers in various fields of radio astronomy. The colloquium was attended by about 30 staff members of the Institute of Astronomy and Institute of Space Sciences of the Romanian Academy of Sciences. L.Gurvits gave a 90-min lecture covering various aspects of modern radio astronomy research and emphasising opportunities offered by European radio astronomy facilities, such as EVN, ILT and others.

On the second day of the event, L. Gurvits met with a smaller group of researchers interested to participate in joint radio astronomy studies. The emphasis of the discussion was on involvement of Romanian researchers in VLBI studies using EVN facilities.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Apparently, it was the first radio astronomy presentation in Bucharest for the last two decades. As the outcome of this colloquium, an EVN observing proposal led by a PI affiliated with a Romanian institute has been prepared and submitted for the 01 Oct 2012 deadline. As has become known in December 2012, the EVN PC recommended this observing project for observations in the EVN session 2013-1.

NEXT STEPS:

A continuation of the observing project above is under discussion between the JIVE staff and a group of researchers, including students, affiliated with the Romanian institutes and universities.