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66 researchers and other investigators (13 habilitated doctors, 38 doctors, and 7 doctoral students). Full staff comprises 104 persons. Planetarium employs the staff of 19 persons.

STRUCTURE

Astronomical Observatory (AO)

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Department of the Theory of Processes and Structures (DTPS)**Head** – Prof. Habil. Dr. *Bronislovas Kaulakys*, tel. 262 08 59**Sector of Isotopic Analysis (SIA)****Head** – Prof. Habil. Dr. *Petras Serapinas*, tel. 261 19 30**Chair of Studies****Head** – Dr. *Gintaras Merkelis*, tel. 261 05 02**The Institute is the Incorporator of Planetarium in Vilnius****Director** – *Danutė Sperauskienė*, tel. 272 41 77**MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS AND INTERESTS**

The Institute has the following main research directions approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania:

Development of effective methods of mathematical physics and their application to theoretical investigation of many-particle systems, their nonlinear dynamics and of quantum fields

Studies of atoms, subatomic particles, molecules, their structures and plasma spectroscopy, their application to nanophysics and astrophysics

Investigations of the structure and evolution of the Galaxy, stars and interstellar matter

The principal subjects of research in the Departments of the Institute in 2006:

stellar photometry and spectroscopy, classification of stars, Galactic structure and dynamics, interstellar extinction, modeling of stellar systems, orbits of small bodies of the Solar system (AO)

theoretical atomic spectroscopy, methods of the theory of complex atomic and ionic spectra, development of quantum many-body theory, processes of the interaction of polarized atoms with polarized electrons and photons; algorithms and computer programs for fusion plasma physics and astrophysics (DTA)

development of the algebraic techniques of the nuclear and particle physics, investigations of microscopic collective models of atomic nuclei, the quantified field models of elementary particles (DTN)

dynamical processes in the strongly driven nonlinear systems; structure of spectra of molecules; model Hamiltonian matrices and the graph-theoretical models; quantum optics of

dielectrics; quantum electrodynamics, photophysical processes; Bose-Einstein condensates; phase transitions; fluctuations and noise, theory of 1/f noise; econophysics and physics of finance (DTPS)

highly sensitive chemical measurements by methods of optical spectrometry, metrology of chemical measurements, their application to the environmental science (SIA)

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS MAINTAINED IN 2006

O. Scharf. On the Theory of Hyperfine Structure of Many-Electron Atoms

J. Zdanavičius. Interstellar Extinction in the Direction of the Camelopardalis Dark Clouds.

J. Ruseckas. Measurement Models for Quantum Zeno and Anti-Zeno effects and Time Determination in Quantum Mechanics

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2006

Third Annual Meeting COST Action P10 "Physics of Risk" and Workshop on "Complex System Science", <http://physrisk.itpa.lt>

EUROMET/METCHEM "Metrology in Chemistry Technical Sub-Committee Meeting. Inorganic Analysis Working Group"

First BalticGrid Conference <http://www.balticgrid.org>

International Seminar Discussion "Strong and Competitive Astronomy in Europe"

International Conference "10 Years for Stromvil Photometric System"

International Seminar "Cold Atomic Gases and Interaction of Light with Matter"

Meeting of the Organizing Committee "The NordForsk High Astrophysical Courses"

Summer School "ESO Data Basis and Their Applications", <http://www.itpa.lt>

The Tutorial Courses "European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN Reveals Mysteries of the Structure of Matter", ", <http://www.itpa.lt>

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2006

Projects Supported by Institute Budget

The Chemical Composition and Evolution of Stellar Atmosphere. Habil. Dr. G. Tautvaišienė. 2005–2009.

Positional Astrometry of Unusual Asteroids and Comets. Dr. K. Černis. 2005–2009.

Investigation of the Possibilities of the Spectrophotometric Classification of Reddered Stars. Habil. Dr. K. Zdanavičius. 2006–2009.

Optical Properties of Cold Atoms and Condensed Structures: Development of the Theory. Habil. Dr. G. Juzeliūnas. 2005–2009.

Theoretical Studies of Electron Spectra and Chemical Reactivity of Polyatomic Compounds. Habil. Dr.V. Gineitytė. 2005–2009.

Investigation of Subatomic Systems and their Dynamics by the Methods of Group Theory and Topology. Habil. Dr. S. Ališauskas and Dr. E. Norvaišas. 2006–2010.

The Properties of Atomic nuClei and their Interaction with Leptons. Dr. A. Juodagalvis. 2006–2008.

The Cascades in Complex Atoms and Their Influence on X-ray and Auger Spectra: Theory and Interpretation. Prof. R. Karazija. 2005–2009.

Theoretical Investigation of Polarisation Phenomena in Atomic Processes. Dr. A. Kupliauskienė. 2002–2006.

Development of Methods to Account for Relativistic and Correlation Corrections and Their Application in Investigation of Discrete Spectra of Heavy and Medium-heavy Atoms. Prof. P. Bogdanovich. 2002–2006.

Modern Modelling of Problems in Theory of Atom on the Basis of Conventional and Symbolic Programming. Prof. G. Gaigalas. 2003–2007.

Visual Binary and Multiple Stars of Population II: Astrometric, Photometric and Kinematic Characteristic. Prof. A. Bartkevičius. 2003–2006.

Theoretical Studies of Electron Spectra and Chemical Reactivity of Polyatomic Compounds. Habil. Dr. V. Gineitytė. 2005–2009.

Power Laws and 1/f Fluctuations in Dynamical Chaotic and Stochastic Systems. Prof. B. Kaulakys. 2005–2009.

Investigation of Ionisation in Gas Plasma with Condensed Particles by Mass Spectrometry Method. Prof. P. Serapinas. 2004–2008.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation

Lithuanian GRID: Parallel and Distributed Grid for Calculations. Habil. Dr. G. Tautvaišienė. 2006.

Integrative Computational Chemistry. COST Action D26. Dr. G. Vektaris. 2004–2006.

Prebiotic Chemistry and Early Evolution. COST Action D27. Dr. A. Tamulis. 2002–2007.

From Molecules to Molecular Devices: Control of Electronic, Photonic, Magnetic and Spintronic Behavior. COST Action D35. Dr. A. Tamulis. 2005–2010.

Physics of Risk. COST Action P10. Dr. V. Gontis. 2004–2007.

Integrative Computational Chemistry. Dr. V. Vektaris. 2004–2006.

Grid Computing in Chemistry (GRIDCHEM). COST Action D37. Dr. A. Vektarienė. 2006–2010.

Fluctuation Spectroscopy of the New Generation of Nanometric Junctions and Two-dimension Electronic Gases (FLUCTUATIONS). Prof. B. Kaulakys. 2005–2006.

Investigation of Electrical Form Factors of Light Nuclei in the Model of Topological Solitons Dr. E. Norvaišas. 2006.

Damping of Gamov-Teller Resonance in gds Nuclei Dr. A. Juodagalvis. 2006.

International Science Programmes and Projects

FP6. Information Society Technologies. Integrated Project Programmable Artificial Cell Evolution (PACE). Dr. A. Tamulis. 2004–2008.

FP6 project Baltic Grid (Baltic Grid). Habil. Dr. G. Tautvaišienė. 2005–2008.

FP6 project Baltic States Network "Women in Sciences and High Technology" (BASNET). Dr. A. Kupliauskienė. 2006–2007.

FP6 project Astronomy Fair in Lithuania. Dr. A. Kazlauskas. 2006.

Joint Research Project "Taiwan-Baltic Theoretical Studies of Spectroscopy of Atoms and Their Behavior in Strong Laser Fields". Habil. Dr. Z. Rudzikas. 2006–2007.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Cooperation. Partnership between Institutes: VU Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astronomy, and Kaiserslautern Technical University (Germany). Habil. Dr. G. Juzeliūnas. 2004–2007.

PHARE. Developing Reliable Infrastructure in the Fields of Measurements in Chemistry in Lithuania according to the Best EU Practices. Habil. Dr. P. Serapinas. 2004–2006.

Other Projects

Metrological Protocol for Standard Addition Method. Habil. Dr. P. Serapinas. 2004–2006.

The Whole Earth Telescope. Dr. R. Janulis, Dr. E. Pakštienė. Long-term international project.

The European Space Agency Satellite GAIA. Prof. V. Straižys, Habil. Dr. G. Tautvaišienė, Dr. A. Kazlauskas, Dr. A. Kučinskas. Long-term international project.

Structure and Evolution of RGB/AGB stars. Dr. A. Kučinskas. 2005–2006.

Projects Supported from EU Structural Funds

Training of the Capabilities of Lithuanian Scientists in the Integration of Lithuania into European Infrastructure. Dr. J. Ačaitė, Habil. Dr. G. Tautvaišienė. 2006–2008.

Science. Scientists. Society. V. Daniūnas. 2006–2008.

Development of Scientific Competence and Continuing Training for the Production of Safe and Ecological Food Stock. Prof. V. Pranskietis, Habil. Dr. P. Serapinas. 2005–2008.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Books

Third Annual Meeting COST action P10 & Workshop on Complex System Science, Program & Abstracts, Vilnius, 2006, 77 p. ISBN 9986-9332-6-9.

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