

DR. GEORGIJE POPOVIĆ (1938-2024)

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SUMMARY: A short biography of Dr. Georgije Popović, an astronomer who dedicated his entire career to the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade, is included. He passed away in early May 2024 at the age of 86.



Fig. 1: Dr. Georgije Popović (1938–2024).

Dr. Georgije Popović was born on July 31, 1938, in Melenci near Zrenjanin. He earned his degree in astronomy in 1960 from the Faculty of Sciences at Belgrade University. He completed postgraduate studies in 1974 at the same faculty, also in astronomy, obtaining an MSc degree. His MSc thesis was titled *The First General Survey and Analysis of Belgrade Measurements of Double Stars between 1951 and 1971*. He defended his PhD dissertation, *A Procedure of Simultaneous Detection of Moving Clusters*, in 1993 at the Faculty of Mathematics at Belgrade University,

under the supervision of Prof. T.A. Agekyan from Saint Petersburg University.

In 1960, Dr. Popović joined the Astronomical Observatory in Belgrade, where he worked until his retirement in 2003. Throughout his career, he was part of the Double Star Group, becoming its head in 1976.

The main focus of his scientific work was the study of double and multiple stars. Observational research was his priority, as he valued original data and contributed significantly to its expansion. He discovered more than 200 double and multiple stars, which are identified in international catalogs under designations such as POP1, POP2, etc. He also compiled measurements of all double and multiple stars discovered at the Belgrade Observatory, creating a database named *Beomes*, available online at <https://old.aob.rs/Science/Beomes.html>. Many binary star orbits calculated by Dr. Popović are included in the latest *Sixth Catalog of Orbits of Visual Binary Stars*. Through his contributions, the Belgrade Observatory achieved high recognition in the international scientific community studying double and multiple stars.

For three years, he led the scientific project *Studying Double and Multiple Stars* (two years before his retirement and one afterward). He also taught postgraduate courses on the subject of double and multiple stars. Dr. Popović attended numerous national and international scientific conferences and published over 100 scientific papers.

He became a member of the International Astronomical Union in 1979, joining Commission 26.

Dr. Georgije Popović passed away on May 2, 2024.

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