SUCCESS: Latvian students win three bronze medals at the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Latvian students won three bronze medals at the 19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Hanoi, Vietnam, competing against peers from 65 countries, the news agency LETA was informed by the State Education Development Agency (VIAA).

The bronze medals were awarded to Aleksandrs Jesiļevskis from RTU Engineering High School, as well as Romans Jemeļjanovs and Raivo Kruks from Riga State Gymnasium No. 1.

Latvia was represented at the Olympiad by five students. The team also included Andris Seļāvo, a student of Riga State Gymnasium No. 1, and Emīls Ločmelis-Luņovs, a student of Riga Zolitūde Gymnasium.

Latvia has participated in the Olympiad for the sixth year. This year's Olympiad took place from 25 September to 5 October. Participants had to complete theoretical tasks, analyse astronomical data, and solve observational and planetarium problems.

This year, participants had the opportunity to carry out astronomical observations under real starry skies, which weather conditions had made difficult in previous years.

The Latvian team was accompanied at the Olympiad by teachers Viesturs Streļčs and Iļja Reutins.

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