

ETHNOASTRONOMICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE SURROUNDING OF PIROT

From 2002. the Department of astronomy of the Research Society "Vladimir Mandić Manda" from Valjevo several times has performed ethnoastronomical research in the Pirot region. The present paper deals with the common beliefs concerning astronomical phenomena. The informations were obtained by interviewing elderly people. The obtained results are grouped according to a few key subjects (calendar, Moon, Sun, Milky Way, stars and constellations, world systems) and they are commented as much as possible. The present study is a continuation of the ethnoastronomical studies realised by this Department from 1997 on and forms a part of the projects "Ethnoastronomical Research in Serbia" and "History of Astronomy among Serbs".