World Space Week 2017
at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

On the occasion of World Space Week 2017, the Section of Astrophysics, Astronomy and Mechanics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organized a space event for young and old on Sunday, October 8, 2017. The event took place at the Section of Astrophysics, Astronomy and Mechanics of the Department of Physics. The activities were planned and organized under the guidance and supervision of faculty member Kosmas Gazeas (Lecturer in Astrophysics), with the valuable contribution of undergraduate and graduate students and doctoral candidates. The event was a great success, as the turnout of visitors exceeded 200 persons.

The events consisted of:

• Observation of the Sun with telescopes and provision of information about the solar photospheric and chromospheric phenomena.
• Lecture by Petros Dagdilellis entitled “Overcoming gravity – the first steps”. The lecture concerned the first human attempts to travel to space.
• Presentation of the movie “The amazing adventures of Rosetta and Philae” about ESA’s Rosetta mission.
• Construction and launch of improvised rocket by compressed air and water.
• Interactive theatric play with the title "Space Explorers".
• Crafts and painting and small constructions for kids.

The evening ended with a tour at the University of Athens Observatory, with observations of the night sky and presentation of the telescope’s function.

The success of the event was primarily due to the devoted efforts of the following students: P. Alexakis, K. Vavouraki, T. Dimitriadi, S. Karampotsiou, S. Kerasioti, K. Kefala, D. Koutsiou, G. Loukaidou, L. Bakogianni, S. Boula, S. Palafouta, A. Papadami, A. Pitsari, E. Samara, L. Tzouganatos, P. Tsiapi, C. Chatzichristodoulou, V. Chliaras, I. Choleva, E. Christopoulou.

Some snapshots of the event follow below.
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[Images of space-related activities and displays]