

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE NIKOLAEV ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY

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Nikolaev Astronomical Observatory, one of the oldest observatories in the south-east of Europe, was founded in 1821 by Admiral Greig. Our observatory passed three main stages in her history: 1821 - 1912, Naval Observatory (Russian Empire); 1913 - 1991, Nikolaev branch of Pulkovo Observatory (Russian Empire and USSR); 1992 - Present, Nikolaev Astronomical Observatory (Ukraine). The observatory received the status of Research Institute in 2002. On March 2007, NAO was included into the tentative list of UNESCO of the World Heritage Sites from Ukraine under the number 5116. 5 full doctors and 28 PhD were prepared in the observatory since 1913. Nikolaev astronomers used 16 telescopes for observations of the celestial bodies, one of which was inscribed in a list of scientific objects that represents the National Heritage of Ukraine.