

# Promoting Astronomy in Russia

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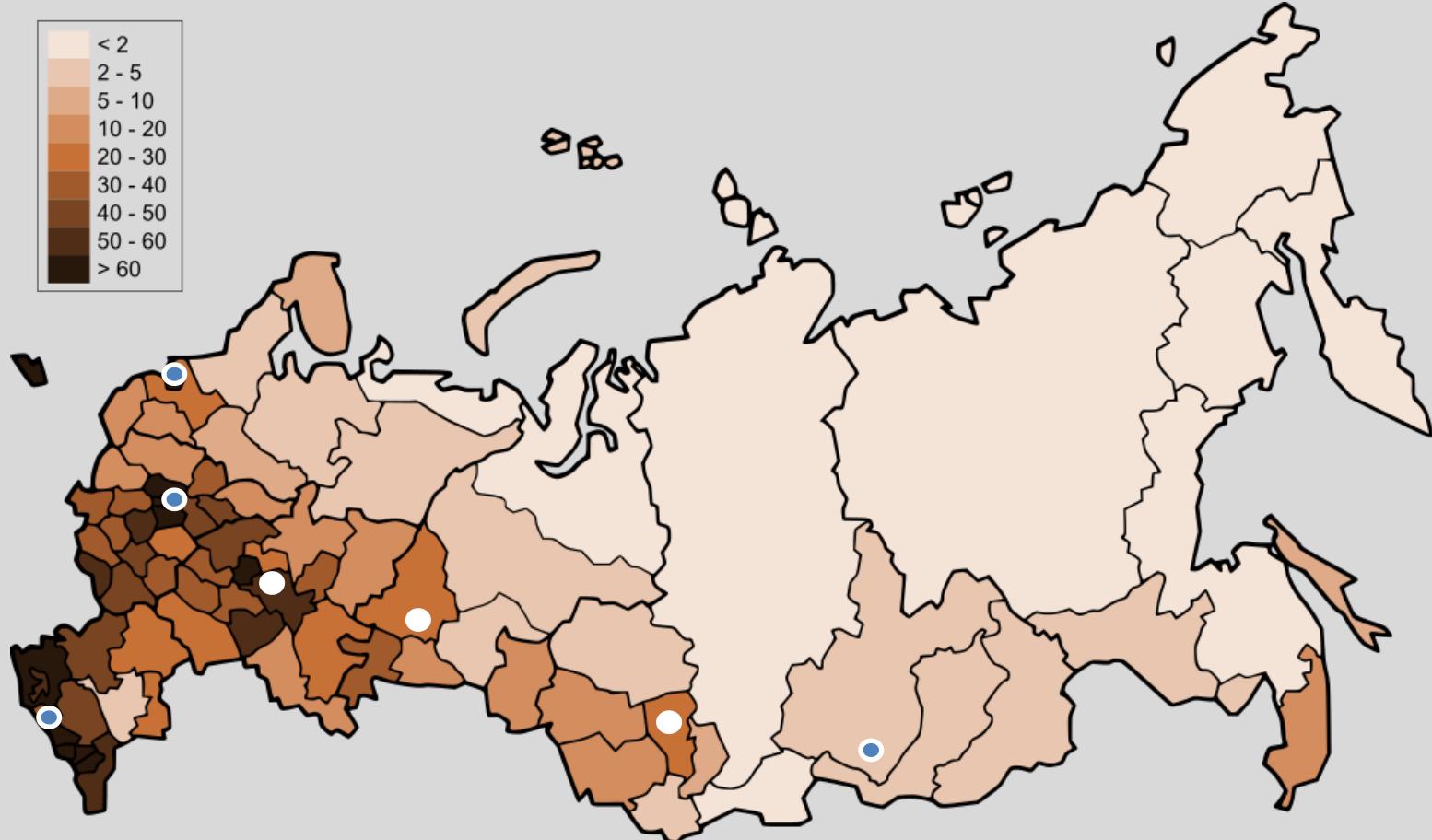
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# Professional Astronomy in Russia

- ~1400 astronomers (3 IAU members per 1 million)
- 8 mostly astronomical research institutes
- 9 research institutes with some astronomy
- 17 astronomical (astrophysical) departments at universities

# Astronomy locations

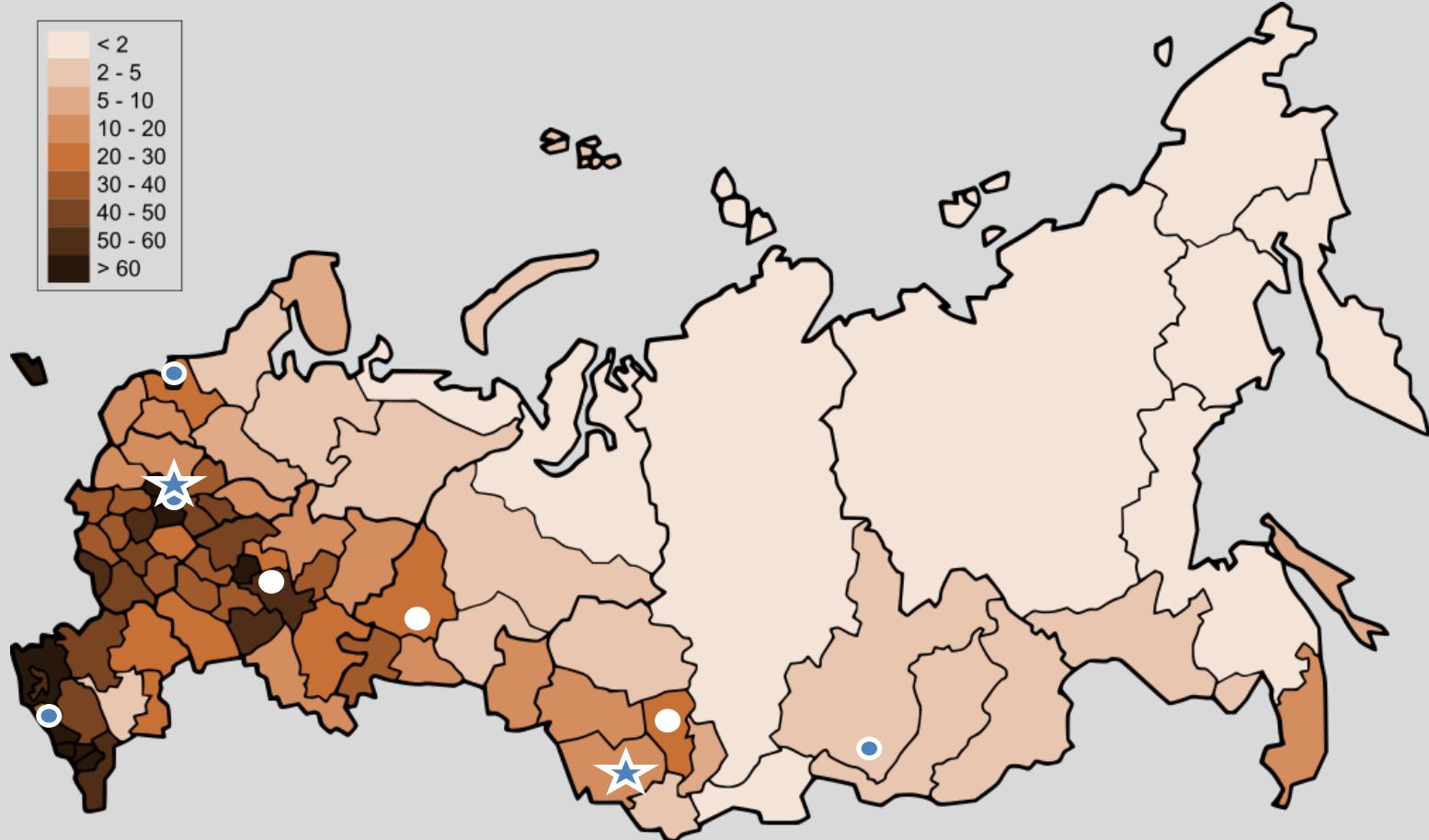


# Amateur Astronomy and Astronomy for the Public

- Astronomical clubs (sometimes very informal and very small, but nearly in every big town)
- Sidewalk astronomy (sometimes with support from businesses)
- Astronomy children groups
- Amateur astronomy festivals



# Astrofest & SibAstro



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# Planetariums



# Involvement of Professional Astronomers

- Open days and tours at observatories
- Mass media: interviews, educational programs, expert opinions, etc.
- Public lectures
- Online courses
- Science festivals
- Popular articles



# Special Events

- Solar and lunar eclipses
- Planetary transits
- Comets, meteor showers, etc.



# Problems

- A level of astronomical literacy is very low
  - People are eager to believe in any myths (Sun is ready to explode, the Earth axis is about to flip, a giant asteroid is about to hit the planet, etc.)
  - Language
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  - Public involvement in IAU activities is nearly non-existent (NameExoWorld — one proposal, rejected)
- and weather!



## DIRECTORY

Now we have 4 organisations in the directory

### LOCATIONS

Russian Federation



### CATEGORIES

All



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Tags: astronomy, education



#### AstroSpace Association Sirius-86 (Астрокосмическая ассоциация Сириус-86)

Location Russian Federation, Rezh  
Members 50 - 99  
Staff members 1 - 9  
Students 50 - 99  
Visitors per year 100 - 299  
Language Russian

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#### The Zvenigorod House of Children Creativity

Location Russian Federation, Zvenigorod  
Visitors per year 300 - 599  
Language Russian

[http://zvenddt.ru/c\\_astronomicon.shtml](http://zvenddt.ru/c_astronomicon.shtml)  
[awiebel@mail.ru](mailto:awiebel@mail.ru)



Tags: Stargazing, communicating astronomy to the public



#### Astro-Club Nippy within Amelkin GbR

Location Russian Federation, Moscow  
Admins 1  
Members 1 - 9  
Language English, German, Russian

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Tags: Astronomy, AstroPoetry, AstroArt, Observation, Literature, Sci-Fi

# Solution?

- We plan to organize an associated regional OAD node and a language expertise center

