

The Egyptian Society for Astronomy (ESA) organized a hybrid event over two days to celebrate International Moon Day. The event was divided into two parts: an in-person stargazing night and an online lecture/session.

The stargazing night was held at the center of Cairo by partnering with Misr Public Library in Dokki. With the Society's telescopes, participants spotted craters on the moon's surface and long mountain ranges! They were also able to take photos of the moon and enjoy an open discussion about its physical features. Around 55 participants attended the in-person stargazing night.

The online session included two lectures by prominent Egyptian scientists in astronomy and space research, as well as near footage of the lunar surface captured by ESA's astro-photography team. The session discussed the moon from two main perspectives! The first aspect is the astronomical viewpoint to understand the history and origin of the moon. We explained the nature of its movement in space and its impact on Earth. The other perspective is the history and future of space travel and moon exploration, from the first missions that placed the first human on the lunar surface to the future space programs set out to redo the same feat.

The event was organized on Zoom and broadcast live on Facebook. Overall, around 70 participants attended the online session.

Videos:

- Full online session: <https://fb.watch/eAFZ8u99s4/>

- Walking on the Moon footage: https://fb.watch/eAF_Rom-iW/

- First lecture: <https://fb.watch/eAG0i54Xq2/>

- Second lecture: <https://fb.watch/eAG1bB50ci/>

Photos:





Feedback:

It was a great initiative from MVA, it was our pleasure to be part of the international celebration. We are looking forward to future participation as well.