

## **The International Year of Astronomy 2009: An overview**

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### **Abstract**

As the International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009) reaches its six-month milestone, over a million people have already looked at the sky through a telescope for the first time, and even more have newly engaged in astronomy. This is just one of many achievements, as countless ongoing projects and planned initiatives indicate that the IYA2009 is well on the way towards achieving many of its goals.

During this talk the will give an overview about the achievements so far and some ideas for the last period of IYA2009.