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IAU Honorary Member Erkan Şahmalı

Nominated by TÜRK ASTRONOMİ DERNEĞİ

The architect of the National Observatory of Turkey (TUG), a building awarded for its design and passive heating mechanism. His second observatory project, currently under construction, is the largest and most advanced observatory (DAG) in the eastern Anatolia. He designed the building so that the 4m mirror is transported to the coating plant inside the building. In addition, the Eastern Anatolia Observatory will be a green observatory using solar energy, with a water purification system and an energy-saving design. Its opening is scheduled for 2022.

