

4th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR DARK-SKY PARKS 4th INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY CAMP

Montsec mountains, Catalonia, Spain
27 June Æ 1 July 2011

The Moon after sunset in Parc Astronòmic,
Montsec 2009, photo: Oscar Zamora

Why?

- ~ Night observations at the darkest spot in SW Europe.
- ~ Quality lectures by international experts.
- ~ Splendorous sights of this beautiful natural area.
- ~ Telescopes will reveal 0.5 to 4 magnitudes fainter objects in comparison with the majority of amateur observatories in Europe.
- ~ Seeing in the top of Montsec is similar to the best observatories around the world. So fainter objects are more easily visible with more details.
- ~ Observing the Milky Way as you may not have seen it before.
- ~ Nice activities in Terradets Lake.
- ~ Natural and historical routes to discover this natural area.
- ~ Visit the only one planetarium around the world with a retractable dome to see the real sky.
- ~ Combine summer family holidays with astronomy.
- ~ Affordable prices.

Registration

REGISTER NOW on www.darkskyparks.org,
call +34 973 455246 or write to darksky@montsec.cat.

We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Initiative for International Association of Dark-Sky Parks

Parc Astronòmic Montsec Æ Consorci del Montsec



Topics of the Symposium:

- ~ Light pollution as a threat to professional and amateur astronomy, animals and humans.
- ~ Night sky as cultural and natural heritage.
- ~ How to reduce light pollution in urban areas and how should individuals contribute.
- ~ The role of astronomers, park managers, biologists and environmentalists in establishing dark-sky parks.
- ~ Tourism opportunities under dark skies.
- ~ Establishment of international association of dark-sky parks.

For Whom?

- ~ Astronomers, biologists, conservationists, human health experts, environmental educators,
- ~ Professionals from protected areas,
- ~ Professionals from the field of (eco)tourism, natural and cultural heritage,
- ~ Representatives of NGOs,
- ~ Lighting experts to experience what we are bereft of in most parts of Europe.

Location

Montsec is a calcareous mountain range more than 40 kilometres long, covering an area of 18,696 hectares divided between Aragon and Catalonia in the northeast of Spain. The symposium will take place close to Terradets Lake in the town of Cellers, placed in the Catalanian part of Montsec. Montsec is around 50 km far from Lleida city and around 170 km from Barcelona city.

