Simon-Marius-Anniversary-Celebrations 2014
Franconian astronomer discovers the Moons of Jupiter
An Internet portal for Marius is under construction

The Marius-Internet-Portal will be publicly launched on the 18th February 2014. For the first time, the life and work of the Margavial Astronomer will be completely documented. Under the address www.simon-marius.net all works, secondary sources, press reports, speeches and websites will be listed and – where permissible – directly available. The Marius-Internet-Portal will be inaugurated with a ceremonial act at the Nürnberg Staatsarchiv (State Archives).

In 1610 in Ansbach Simon Marius (1572 – 1624) discovered, simultaneously with Galileo Galilei, the four largest moons of Jupiter. However, he first published his discovery in his magnum opus *Mundus Iovalis* in 1614, making 2014 the 400th anniversary of its appearance.

The Nürnberg Astronomical Society with its partners has called the "Simon-Marius-Anniversary-Celebrations 2014" into being and is planning a wide range of activities:

- Lectures
- A conference at the Nicolaus-Copernicus-Planetarium Nürnberg on 20th September 2014
- Publications
- A central multilingual (at least 16 languages) Internet portal that will bring together the writings of and about Marius and will make them available to scientists around the world.

The project is in supported ideally by the Ansbach University of Applied Sciences, the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, the Nuremberg Institute of Technology, the University of Würzburg and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Berlin.

The Simon-Marius-Anniversary-Celebration is supported financially by the Staedtler Foundation, the cities of Ansbach, Gunzenhausen and Nürnberg, the district of Weißenburg-Gunzenhausen, the Vereinigte Sparkassen (Association of the Trustee Savings Banks) Gunzenhausen, Nürnberg-Loge, Kaller & Kaller and NOSCC.

For media

Contact: Pierre Leich at info@simon-marius.net

Press conference: 18.02.14, 10 o'clock, Staatsarchiv Nürnberg