

Friedrich Georg Wilhelm **von Struve**



April 15, 1793 – November 23, 1864



Struve's life

- Born April 15, 1793 Altona (today part of Hamburg),
 - (was a part of Denmark-Norway kingdoms)
- 1808 father moves the family away from the French occupation to Dorpat
 - (Tartu, that time territory of Russian Empire, today 2nd biggest city of Estonia)
- 1808 enters the University of Tartu
 - studied philosophy and philology, turned soon to astronomy
- 1813 gets (together) master and doctor degree
- 1820 becomes a full professor and director of the Tartu observatory
- 1827 elected as a member of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Struve's life

- 1839 moves to St Petersburg, founds and becomes director of observatory Pulkovo
- 1845 founds a Society of Russian Geographers
- 1862 retires due to failing health (23 yrs as a director of Pulkovo)
- 1864 November 23 dies (age 71) in St Petersburg, buried close to Pulkovo.
- Had 18 children, many of them became known astronomers and scientists
- Creates, measures and calculates the „Struve's Arc) joining Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belorus, Ukraine and Moldova