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As an International Dark-sky Park (approved in 2017), Bükk National Park Directorate -as its managing agency- have the obligation of providing annual report from the Park's activities. You can find our report about the year of 2017 (until now) below:

1. Public programs, interpretation

Until today we had more than ten different programs (open air school programs, presentations, star-gazing tours, museums' night, workshops, observatory programs) for the public, dedicated to the Starry-sky Park. On these events , the total number of visitors were 519 people. During our forest school period (April to September), 1310 students were amazed by the Bükk Dark Sky Park's sky and night time activities such as bat catching, nighttime walks int he forest, firefly observing.

2. Lighting

We have only 1 settlement (Répáshuta) which has the hall territory protected by law. With the financial help of an ongoing tender all of 63 lighting fixtures will be replaced in 2018. These smart fixtures will give the opportunity to residents to set the desired amount of light, and all of them will be dimmed after 10 pm. Negotiations with land users and local house owner are also underway in order to decrease their low level light pollution into a more cost effective and dar sky park friendly lighting fixture.

In Répáshuta we had a forum among local people to widen the Bükk Starry Sky Park's idea and importance. We also informed them about developing the entire village's lighting system, because for us it is very important

3. Astronomical education center (our future)

As planned , our brand new astronomical education center's plans are ready and given clearence from the local authorities. In 2018 the construction will start, and it can be opened in 2019.

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4. Camps

We had one camp where astronomy and dark-sky park was part of the curriculum: Camp of the National Park was held in our education center in Felsőtárkány with 32 participants.

5. Other events

Our national park directorate joined as an advisor and observer to Night Light Interreg Project. Regional authorities from different European countries improve their regional policies for the prevention of light pollution, preservation of dark skies and sustainable exploitation of dark sky places.

6. Public information

- The dark-sky park has a separate sub-site, where visitors can get up to date information about our dark sky park (events, recommended observation points, etc) <http://bukkicsillagpark.hu>
- Tender was written for constructing the Büki dark sky park's logo. After received 38 applications, the very best logo was chosen by our jury.
- New signs were put out to the field with the new logo of our dark sky park.

7. Monitoring

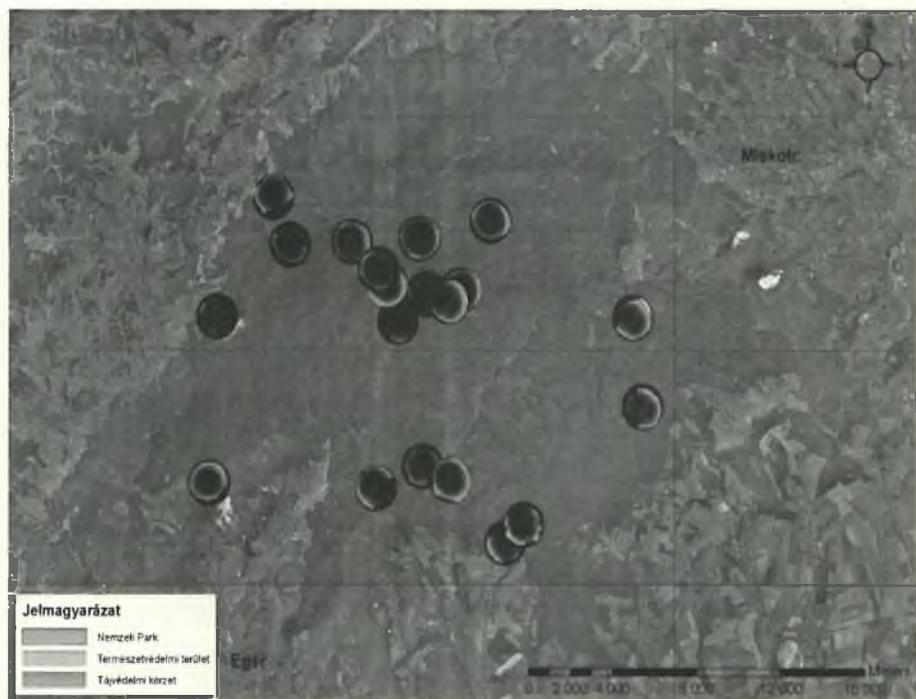
- We gathered SQM data from different points of the national park, and no significant decrease or increase were observed in light pollution levels fortunately.

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Kind regards,


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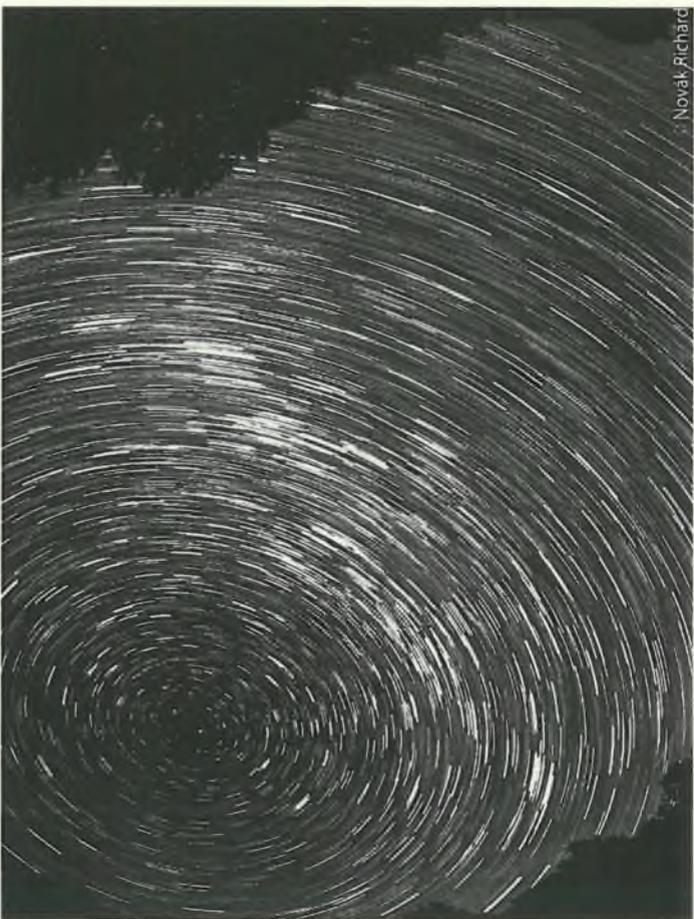
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