

# GERMAN ASTRONOMY IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA IN THE LAST 100 YEARS

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After the University of Prague split in 1882, the Imperial and Royal Observatory in the Prague Klementinum served as an institute of the German university for practical course work. Prof. Ladislav Weinek devoted himself to magnetic observations and selenography. After the collapse of the Empire in 1918, Prof. F. Nušl and Dr. O. Seydl commandeered the Klementinum as a state observatory. Prof. A. Prey created a new institute with a branch in Telnitz, where Dr. J. Mrazek worked until 1945. The institute in Prague was run by Dr. G. Alter, who eventually became a professor in Jerusalem.

Amateur German astronomy in Bohemia and Moravia was centered on the „Vereinigung zur Verbreitung astronomischer Kenntnisse“ (founded 1920). At the beginning of the 1930s this association linked itself with the *reichsdeutsch* „Ingedelia“ society. In addition there was a „Vereinigung der Freunde der Sternwarte der Deutschen Universität“, established in the mid-1920s and dissolved in 1940 by the *Reichsprotektor*. Arthur Beer, who later became a professor at Cambridge, organized its (supranational) meteoritic section. A number of smaller private observatories were created in the Sudetenland, and in Rumburg the first public observatory in Bohemia was founded in 1923.