

Hvar Observatory - Asteroid named after Hrvoje Božić

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), asteroid 179221, discovered on 14.10.2001 by the

[Sloan Digital Sky Survey telescope](#)

was named in honor of Dr. Hrvoje Božić, Hvar Observatory scientific advisor who recently retired. The explanation for this naming states the exceptional scientific contribution of Dr. Hrvoje Božić as the leading astrophysicist of the Hvar Observatory, and his leading role in astronomical education in Croatia. The discovery of this asteroid, as well as many other small bodies in the solar system, was made by Prof. Dr.

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