

## **Anatoly Miroshnichenko, PhD,**

fell in love with the night sky at age 12, attended a “school for young astronomers” run by graduate students from Saint-Petersburg State University, entered this University, and got a Master’s degree in Astronomy at the age of 21.

He taught his first Astronomy class to his high school classmates at age 15.

Right after graduation from the University, Dr. Miroshnichenko got a job as a researcher at the Main Astronomical Observatory of the USSR Academy of Sciences, where he obtained a PhD in Astrophysics in 1992.

Dr. Miroshnichenko moved to the US for a post-doc position at the University of Toledo (Ohio) in 1997. He later secured a tenure-track position in the UNC-Greensboro Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2005. He received his second PhD in Astrophysics (equivalent to European Habilitation degree) from the Special Astrophysical Observatory of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 2008. He was promoted to an Associate Professor at UNCG in 2011 and to a Professor in 2016. Dr. Miroshnichenko currently serves as the director of the UNCG Planetarium and Three College Observatory, which has one of the largest telescopes on the US East coast (32-inch primary mirror) and where he, since 2011, has conducted an active program of spectroscopic observations of stars of various kinds.

Dr. Miroshnichenko has been a guest speaker at 6 Professional/Amateur international conferences held in Europe.

