UNAWE’s activities consist of four main components:
- Coordinating an international network comprised of more than 1000 astronomers, teachers and educators in more than 60 countries
- Developing and distributing educational resources such as the inflatable UNAWE Earthball, the Universe-in-a Box educational kit and Space Scoop, the astronomy news service for children.
- Providing training activities for teachers and other educators of young children around the world
- Providing resources for the evaluation of educational activities

Between 2011 and 2013, the European branch of UNAWE, EU-UNAWE, was funded by the European Commission to implement a project in 5 EU countries and South Africa. This project has been concluded successfully. The global project of Universe Awareness coordinated by Leiden University has continued to grow since, with an expanding international network, new educational resources and teacher trainings and an International Workshop in collaboration with ESA in October 2015, among other activities.

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**FM20p.40 – Looking for Partners to Engage the Global Community in Connecting to the Sky through International Observe the Moon Night**

International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN), sponsored by NASA, is an annual worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of Earth’s Moon and its connection to planetary science and exploration. Everyone on Earth is invited to participate by hosting or attending an InOMN event, uniting on one day each year to look at and learn about the Moon together. Over the past five years, we have supported thousands of events in over 50 countries at schools, museums, observatories, libraries, community centers, and backyards around the world. The Moon is an ideal avenue for engaging all audiences in planetary science: it is a constant fixture in our skies, visible both day and night, and requires no special equipment for safe observation.

We are seeking partners from all countries to help engage diverse audiences across the world in lunar observation and to use this yearly event to engage the global community in the excitement of science and exploration. We are looking for partners to bring their strengths, connections, and innovative ideas to share International Observe the Moon Night with the world and to help us understand how we can support your audiences in connecting to sky.

For more information about International Observe the Moon Night and related resources, visit observethemoonnight.org.

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**FM21.1.01 – FM Session Introduction**

**FM21.1.02 – The search for Near Earth Objects - why dark skies are critically important**

Impact of Earth by asteroids is perhaps the only natural disaster that can be prevented. If an asteroid that will impact Earth can be identified sufficiently early, it is possible to modify its orbit to eliminate the