

Kyoto, August 29, 1997

## INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION

Executive Committee: 70th Meeting

KICH - Kyoto, Japan

August 28, 1997

### Draft Minutes

Present:

R. Kraft	President
F. Pacini	President-Elect
J. Andersen	General Secretary
H. Rickman	Assistant General Secretary
C. Anguita	Vice-President
C. Cesarsky	Vice-President
B. Hidayat	Vice-President
N. Kaifu	Vice-President
V. Trimble	Vice-President
L. Woltjer	Adviser
I. Appenzeller	Adviser

With the participation of Division Presidents:

P.K. Seidelmann	Division I
P. Foukal	Division II
M. A'Hearn	Division III
H. Zinnecker	Division IV
M. Jerzykiewicz	Division V
M.A. Dopita	Division VI
K.C. Freeman	Division VII
P.A. Shaver	Division VIII
C.L. Sterken	Division IX
J.M. Moran	Division X
G. Fazio	Division XI

Invited:

D. Sugimoto	Chairman, NOC
T. Fukushima	Chairman, SOC

In attendance:

M. Léger-Orine	Administrative Assistant
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## **I. OPENING BY THE PRESIDENT**

The President, R. Kraft, welcomes the members of the Executive Committee and the Presidents of Divisions to the 70th meeting of the Executive Committee. He also greets Prof. D. Sugimoto, Chair of the NOC, and Dr. T. Fukushima, who have been invited to attend. N. Kardashev is unable to attend the meeting and has excused himself.

As the composition of the EC has changed, those present briefly introduce themselves.

## **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda is accepted, without modification.

## **III. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

### **Preliminary report on GA XXIII**

Prof. Sugimoto and Dr. T. Fukushima report on the General Assembly. There have been 1900 participants, bringing the total number of registered persons to 2100. The LOC regrets the lack of cheap accommodation, which has probably discouraged the participation of some scientists. The advertising of the General Assembly and the Registration process have been eased by extensive use of e-mail and WWW: half of the registrations have been made electronically. In order to decrease the cost of the future GAs, the LOC recommends to promote local management of registration.

The new format of the GA works very well. However, some partial overlaps of Symposia and Joint Discussions occurred. The requirement of pre-registration for final acceptance of poster papers seems to be important in order to run the poster boards efficiently.

It seems to the LOC that a very brief daily meeting with the Editor(s) of the GA Newspaper, the General Secretary and the LOC should be held, in order to ensure that all relevant information is published.

### **GA XXIV**

The XXIV GA will take place in Manchester, UK, from August 7-19, 2000.

### **GA XXV**

The GA accepted the invitation of Australia to meet in Sydney in the year 2003, late August.

## **IV. IAU INTERNAL WORKING PROCEDURES**

### **EC: Communications**

It is agreed that between two Executive Committee meetings, routine matters are handled by the General Secretary whereas political matters are handled by the President or the Officers. Otherwise, they will be dealt with once per year by the Executive Committee. Financial matters are referred, if necessary, to the Standing Finance Sub-Committee, this Sub-Committee being also involved in the preparation of the budget for 2001-2003.

## **Divisions**

### *Communications between Divisions and EC*

A discussion takes place concerning the future role of the Divisions and their interaction with the EC. A draft proposal on this theme has been prepared by J. Andersen. The text is appended to these minutes (Annex 1). The proposal recommends extensive use of WWW and increased communication between Divisions and EC, through the Agendas and Minutes distributed for the Officers and Executive Committee meetings, and possible mid-term meetings of Division Presidents with Officers or Executive Committee between GAs.

### *Division IX*

The title of this Division "Optical Techniques" does not reflect properly the activity of its Commissions. This Division should foresee some changes in its organization, and maybe a change in of its name.

## **Commissions**

### *Future format of Commission triennial reports*

J. Andersen has prepared a proposal to reorganize the Commission Reports to "Reports on Astronomy" (Transactions A). This document is appended as Annex 2 and will be used as a basis for the further discussions of the next volume of the Reports on Astronomy.

### *Future of Commissions*

M. Jerzykiewicz is asking if the Commissions are to be abandoned. I. Appenzeller indicates that there is no proposal to abandon the Commission structure.

## **Working Groups**

### *Creation / discontinuation of WGs*

The Statutes, as approved on August 27, 1997, contain a new paragraph on that subject (§ 38 of the Bye-Laws) and is reproduced hereafter:

#### **"IX WORKING GROUPS**

38.- The Executive Committee and the Divisions and Commissions may set up Working Groups for special tasks. Working Groups established by Divisions and Commissions have to be approved by the Executive Committee. All Working Groups are established initially for a period of three years. Before each General Assembly the Divisions and Commissions shall inform the Executive Committee which Working Groups are to be retained for the next 3-year period and which Working Groups are to be dissolved."

### *WG on Large Space Facilities*

The GS is authorised to approve the list of members when communicated by its new Chairman, R. Ekers.

### *WG on Development of Antarctic Astronomy*

M. Dopita is appointed new Chair of the WG and will propose an updated list of members for approval by the GS.

## V. SCIENTIFIC MATTERS:

### Selection of IAU sponsored meetings in 1998

#### *Symposia*

The following Symposia were approved by the EC:

IAU Symposium 190: *New Views of the Magellanic Clouds*  
13 - 19 July, 1998, Victoria, Canada

IAU Symposium 191: *Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars*  
28 August - 1 September, 1998, Montpellier, France

IAU Symposium 192: *The Stellar Content of Local Group Galaxies*  
7 - 12 September, 1998, Cape Town, South Africa

IAU Symposium 193: *Wolf-Rayet Phenomena in Massive Stars and Starburst Galaxies*  
3 - 7 November, 1998, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

IAU Symposium 194: *Activity in Galaxies and Related Phenomena*  
17 - 21 August, 1998, Yerevan, Armenia  
(Conditional on EC approval of a final scientific programme)

#### *Colloquia*

IAU Colloquium 168: *Cometary Nuclei in Space and Time*  
18 - 22 May, 1998, Nanjing, China

IAU Colloquium 169: *Variable and Non-Spherical Stellar Winds*  
15 - 19 June, 1998, Heidelberg, Germany

IAU Colloquium 170: *Precise Stellar Radial Velocities*  
21 - 26 June, 1998, Victoria, Canada

IAU Colloquium 171: *The Low Surface Brightness Universe*  
6 - 10 July, 1998, Cardiff, U.K.

IAU Colloquium 172: *The Impact of Modern Dynamics in Astronomy*  
6 - 11 July, 1998, Namur, Belgium

IAU Colloquium 173: *Evolution and Source Regions of Asteroids and Comets*  
24 - 28 August, 1998, Tatranská Lomnica, Slovak Republic  
(Conditional on EC approval of a final scientific programme)

#### *Regional Meeting*

IXth Latin American Regional Meeting in Astronomy  
November 9-13, 1998, Tonantzintla, Puebla, Mexico  
(Conditional on EC approval of a final scientific programme)

*Co-sponsored Meeting*

32nd COSPAR Scientific Assembly and Associated Events  
July 12-19, 1998, Nagoya, Japan

**Future procedure for submission of meeting proposals**

The draft proposal by J. Andersen implements the involvement of DPs in the evaluation of meeting proposals (annexe 1, § III). Revised Rules for Scientific Meetings will be prepared and made available from the IAU Web page and on paper.

**VI. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Upon the invitation of C. Cesarsky, the next EC meeting will take place in Paris July 2 and 3, 1998

**VII. CLOSURE BY THE PRESIDENT**

The meeting ends at 16:00. The President thanks the General Secretary, the EC members and the Presidents of Divisions for their participation to the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee.