

## Meeting of the Organising Committee

As mentioned in the introductory article, the Organising Committee of the WG on Wide-field Imaging will hold a two-day meeting in April 1992 to discuss a variety of scientific and technical as well as policy matters. For the moment, we have reserved April 13 and 14 for this purpose and the meeting will take place at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., at the kind invitation of OC member Barry Lasker. It is expected that all OC members will be present. The preliminary agenda are listed below for information. A full report on this meeting will be published in the next issue of the present Newsletter, which is scheduled to appear in July 1992.

The OC meeting will thoroughly discuss the areas of the WG and attempt to identify the most important issues to be dealt with during the coming years and up to the IAU General Assembly in 1994. If necessary, priorities will be set. It will also make the first preparations for the 1993 conference of the WG, to which all members and other interested persons will be invited. In particular, we shall try to fix the site, dates and overall programme of that conference, so that it would be possible to send in a formal application for IAU sponsorship, probably as a Colloquium, in time for it to be discussed by the IAU Executive Committee in September 1992. IAU sponsorship, apart from the prestige, would also automatically provide some IAU funds for travel support, etc.

In order to ensure the best possible interaction between the OC and all WG members, I herewith ask for your comments and suggestions, so that they can be duly taken into account by the OC. Do not hesitate to bring any matters which you consider to be of interest to our attention. For instance, are there any additional subjects which should be discussed? Please let me hear from you, not later than March 10, 1992. You can reach me as indicated in the list of OC members in this issue.

## Meeting of WG WFI OC

Baltimore, April 13-14, 1992

### Preliminary Agenda

1. *Welcome and Opening.* General Introduction to WG, its background and overall goals;
2. *Sky Surveys and Patrols.* Overview. CCD Surveys. Re-establishment of sky patrols. Space Schmidt project;
3. *Photographic techniques.* Overview. New emulsions. Interaction with suppliers of photographic material;
4. *Digitization Techniques.* Overview. Overlays for Sky Surveys;
5. *Archival and Retrieval of Wide-field Data.* Overview. Wide-field Plate Archive Data Base;
6. *Other Items.* Definition of 'wide-field'. Interaction with the CCD world. WG communications: Newsletter, electronic Newsboard (?). WG membership.

1993 Conference: site, time, programme, application for IAU sponsorship, other financial sources. 1994 IAU General Assembly (very preliminary).

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