

IAU SYMPOSIUM 161

Minutes of the Joint SOC/LOC Meeting

Sunday, 22 August 1993

Astrophysical Institute Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

R. West opened the meeting at 14:00 and welcomed the members of the Local Organising Committee and Scientific Organising Committee of IAU Symposium 161.

Present were: R. Kron
B. Lasker
H. Lorenz
D. Malin
N. Reid
M. Tsvetkov
R. West

He regretted that the following members of the SOC were unable to be present:

J. Guibert
R. Humphreys
K. Ishida
H. MacGillivray
M. Mayor

Many LOC members were now busy receiving the participants and could therefore not participate either.

The agenda were adopted.

2. Status Report by LOC

On behalf of the LOC, H. Lorenz gave a brief report about the preparations for this meeting. A total of approximately 200 participants was expected and 135 poster papers, which together with the oral presentations would bring the total to approximately 200 contributions. There were no particular problems and the SOC congratulated the LOC members on the excellent preparations made for this meeting.

3. Scientific Programmes

A few speakers and chairpersons had indicated their inability to come to Potsdam. The scientific programme was changed accordingly.

The LOC had prepared photo copies of late abstracts which would be available to the participants in the poster room.

In view of the recent problems with the supply of photographic materials to astronomers from Kodak, it was decided to have an additional session on the salvage of astronomical photography on Monday, 23 August, 19:00-20:00.

The appropriate announcement about these changes and additions would be made to the participants at the beginning of the symposium.

4. Conference Proceedings

Information had been received from H. MacGillivray about the preparation of the conference proceedings. The offer by H. MacGillivray to continue to act as the Chief Editor of the proceedings was gratefully accepted. The SOC members responsible for the individual sessions of the symposium would act as Sub-editors. The importance of publishing all contributions was stressed, implying that some contributions might have to be brought into a better shape by the editors. Everybody welcomed the intended philosophy, namely to have in the end a uniform, high-quality set of proceedings, even if this would involve quite some work by the editors.

5. Other Matters

There were no other matters and the Chairman closed the meeting at approximately 15:30.

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