

IAU SYMPOSIUM 161

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RESOLUTION

Photographic Plate Supply

The participants of IAU Symposium 161:

considering that the photographic emulsion, due to its still unique size and archival properties, will continue to be of great use in wide-field astronomy for several years to come, and

having learnt that Kodak is discontinuing with immediate effect the manufacture of several photographic emulsions of particular importance for various current astronomical projects, thus effectively implying the impossibility of bringing these projects to a successful end,

strongly urge Kodak:

- 1) to continue production of IIIa-J, IIIa-F and IV-N for some years, at least until the termination of current Schmidt-based major sky surveys, and
- 2) to provide a blue- or ortho-sensitive TECH PAN film to maintain the long established astronomical blue and visual passbands.