

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Organising Committee

Sunday, 22 August 1993, 15:30

Astrophysical Institute Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present:

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

He regretted that the following members of the Scientific Organizing Committee were unable to be present:

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

2. Minutes of the Baltimore Meeting (April 1992)

The minutes of the First meeting of the OC had been published in Newsletter No. 2. The Chairman had received from R. Humphreys a letter indicating disagreement with the discussion about the site for the next meeting in Section 7 of these minutes. By letter of 26 October 1992 the Chairman had informed Prof. Humphreys that this matter would be brought to the attention of the SOC during the present meeting. Following an extensive discussion, the SOC requested the Chairman to ask Prof. Humphreys to specify (in the form of a few sentences) the exact changes she wished to be made in the minutes. These would then be circulated to the members of the SOC for agreement by mail.

3. Report by Chairman

The Chairman briefly reported about the preparations for IAU Symposium 161 and mentioned that an official report by the Working Group will be submitted to the President of IAU Commission 9, Prof. J.C. Bhattacharyya, soon after the Potsdam meeting. The WG report will be included in Commission 9's report which will be published together with other Commission reports in the next volume of the IAU Transactions.

4. IAU 1994 GA Programme of WG WFI

The Chairman informed that no business sessions had been foreseen for the WG WFI during the 1994 IAU General Assembly in The Hague and were also not planned for any other WG of the IAU. However, it might be possible to obtain a room for such a meeting if the OC so wished. After some discussion, the SOC decided that this would not be necessary, since the business of the WG might

equally well be conducted in a continuous fashion by e-mail and normal mail.

The Chairman further informed that the WG WFI is involved in the preparation of 1/2 day of the IAU Symposium 167 'Advances in Array Technology and Applications' which will take place in The Hague at the time of the next IAU General Assembly on August 15-19, 1994. The title of the session organized by WG WFI is 'Large Field Imaging with Array Mosaics'. A preparatory meeting will be held by the SOC for IAU Symposium 167 in early October at ESO, Garching, in which it is expected that the Chairman will represent the interests of the WG WFI.

5. Elections

The Committee discussed at some length election procedures for Chairman, Secretary and OC members (1994-97). It was decided that it would not be reasonable to involve at this time all members of the WG, but only the OC members. There should be rotation in the OC so that new ideas and directions in wide-field work could always be represented on the OC. Normally, there should be no more than one person from the same institute on the OC. In order to ensure continuity, it seems reasonable that the Secretary would continue as Chairman during the next three-year term. The OC agreed that Dr. Okamura, at the request of Dr. Ishida, would act as his representative during the OC meetings in Potsdam. R. West does not wish to continue as Chairman after 1994.

The OC decided to revert to this entire issue during the meeting on Thursday, August 26, 1993.

6. Future WG Activities

The OC members were of the opinion that future meetings organized by the WG would most probably take the form of more topical workshops and that the present symposium might be the only one of this width.

It was decided that one of the OC members present at the Bandung Meeting on Schmidt Telescopes in early 1994 should present a summary of IAU Symposium 161.

The OC further discussed the dramatic situation following the intended discontinuance by Kodak of a number of classical emulsions of great use to astronomers. This issue would be further discussed during the emergency meeting in the evening of August 23. The question of survey instruments connected to the future 8 m class telescopes was also brought up, as was the recent implementation of a 2° field at the AAT. The OC was of the opinion that there are plenty of exciting subjects within its area which could form the basis for future meetings under its auspices.

7. Other Matters

There were no other matters.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 August 1993 at 19:00.

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