

INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION  
UNION ASTRONOMIQUE INTERNATIONALE  
FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Delhi, November 28, 1985

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<u>Present</u> :	J. Sahade	President
	A. Batten	Vice President
	R. Kippenhahn	Vice President
	R. Kraft	Vice President
	P.O. Lindblad	Vice President
	M. Peimbert	Vice President
	Ya.S. Yatskiv	Vice President
	J.P. Swings	General Secretary
	D. McNally	Assistant General Secretary
	R. Hanbury Brown	Adviser, Former President
	R. West	Adviser, Former General Secretary

<u>In attendance</u> :	B. Manning	IAU Secretary
	D. Lours	Assistant IAU Secretary
	D. Fraipont	Secretary

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1) Opening by the President

The President, J. Sahade, opened the meeting at 14.00 hours, and welcomed the new members of the Executive Committee, A. Batten, R. Kippenhahn, P.O. Lindblad and D. McNally while greeting also the continuing members and the two advisers.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

### 3) Items carried on from EC 53

The former GS informs the new members of the proposal made at EC 53 to re-arrange the working rules and to include a sentence in the terms of reference of the Special Nominating Committee. The implementation of these will be proposed by GS and agreed upon at EC 55.

### 4) Colloquia and Symposia for 1987

A sum of 72000 Sw.Fr. is already committed for 1987.

The following proposals were discussed :

- (i) Colloquium, already briefly discussed at EC 53, proposed by Dommanget : it is given a number (97) and will most probably be approved by Officers in May 1986, after the title has become more specific, and a few recommendations (SOC, etc) have been taken into account.
- (ii) "Magnetic fields in astrophysical plasmas" : decision postponed until EC 55, once a rationale will be available.
- (iii) "Fundamentals of astrometry" (should probably be better as a colloquium) : the proposal is made in order to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Belgrade observatory (although there are already 2 meetings on astrometry sponsored by the IAU in 1987). The AGS will write to Dr. Teleki with specific recommendations : include S. hemisphere person in SOC, include more astrophysics, better define title, etc.
- (iv) "International time and frequency symposium" : this proposal is not accepted because it is not really based on an astronomical activity; furthermore there are already several meetings accepted in China in 1986 and 1987.

### 5) Young Astronomer's Schools and Visiting Lecturers'Program

As an information to the new members the GS recalls that EC 53 has agreed on three schools : Portugal and China in 1986, and Punjab (subject to some modifications of program and/or invited speakers) in 1987. Each school will receive 7500 USDollars. The proposal from Columbia has not received any confirmation.

The President gives some information on the Lima Visiting Lecturers'Program and suggests that the IAU goes on with the contract.

A limited proposal is made for Paraguay, and after discussion, is supported and given US\$ 2000.

## 6) Future IAU policies

a) "fundraising" : a subcommittee composed of the past GS R. West as convener, R. Kraft and J.-Cl. Pecker will look into the question and report to the EC. It is also accepted that, if preferred, some countries could distribute the annual increase of contribution uniformly over 3 years, and thus pay an "average" fee.

b) Paris secretariat :

Following a recommendation of the Finance Committee, the GS will discuss possible changes, and report to EC 55.

c) Future Executive Committee Structure :

The President is of the opinion that, when taking office, the IAU President can only have limited influence. Some members feel that the EC should be enlarged in order to better take into account scientific discipline, and geographical location. The President actually suggests to add a "President-elect" (as in the AAS), who would participate in EC meetings before his term, but would not be an "officer". This proposal is agreed upon, and a recommendation will thus be forwarded to the Special Nominating Committee, asking them to make their selections accordingly.

The GS is asked to examine how the statutes ought to be changed.

## 7) Future General Assemblies

The following proposals exist :

- 1991 : Argentina, Netherlands;
- 1994 : China, Japan, German Democratic Republic.

Although the Netherlands have inquired a lot about the organization of the 1991 gathering, they have not yet issued a formal invitation : the EC asks Argentina and the Netherlands to come to an agreement before EC 55.

## 8) Any other matter

R. Kraft protest against Resolution C.12 concerning the closing of Mount Wilson. The question of the "control" of proposed resolutions by the EC is discussed.

The GS is of the opinion that a strict deadline ought to be applied for the submission of resolutions'proposals, so that the Resolutions'Committee is given enough time to well review them.

9) Date and location of next Executive Committee meeting :

An invitation is issued by the University of Liège, Belgium, and the dates of September 19-22, 1986 are agreed upon.

The President closes the meeting at 16h15.

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