

CHAPTER II

TWENTY SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BUSINESS SESSIONS

FIRST SESSION, 4 August 2009, 16.15-17.15

Centro de Convenções SulAmérica, Rio de Janeiro

1. Opening and Welcome

The President of the IAU, Dr. Catherine Cesarsky, welcomed the delegates and members to this the XXVII General Assembly. The delegates confirmed the agenda of the meeting as in the Program Book. The President invited the General Secretary, Dr. Karel A. van der Hucht, to present the first item.

2. Representatives of IAU National Members

The General Secretary listed the representatives of the IAU National Members: the first line applies to the first meeting, the second to the second meeting.

National Members	Category of Dues	Votes (a), (b)	National Representatives	Nominating Committee Members
Argentina	II	1, 3	Roberto Aquilano Andrea V. Ahumada	Roberto Aquilano Andrea V. Ahumada
Armenia	I	0, 0	Areg Mickaelian Areg Mickaelian	Areg Mickaelian Areg Mickaelian
Australia	IV	1, 5	Matthew Colless Matthew Colless	Warrick Couch Elaine M. Sadler
Austria	I	1, 2	Gerhard Hensler Gerhard Hensler	Gerhard Hensler Gerhard Hensler
Belgium	IV	1, 5	Anne Lemaitre Anne Lemaitre	Anne Lemaitre Anne Lemaitre
Bolivia	I	0, 0	-	-
Brazil	II	1, 3	Daniela Lazzaro Daniela Lazzaro	Eduardo Janot-Pacheco Daniela Lazzaro
Bulgaria	I	1, 2	-	-
Canada	V	1, 6	Gregory Fahlman Gregory Fahlman	Gregory Fahlman Gregory Fahlman
Chile	II	0, 0	René A. Méndez Bussard Mario Hamuy	René A. Méndez Bussard Mario Hamuy
China Nanjing	VI	1, 7	Gang Zhao Gang Zhao	Xiang-Dong Li Xiang-Dong Li
China Taipei	II	1, 3	Hsiang-Kuang Chang Lin-Wen Chen	Hsiang-Kuang Chang Lin-Wen Chen
Croatia	I	1, 2	-	-
Czech Republic	III	1, 4	Cyril Ron Jan Palouš	Jirí Borovicka Jirí Borovicka
Denmark	III	1, 4	Johannes Andersen Johannes Andersen	Johannes Andersen Johannes Andersen
Egypt	III	0, 0	-	-
Estonia	I	1, 2	Laurits Leedjärv Laurits Leedjärv	Laurits Leedjärv Laurits Leedjärv
Finland	II	1, 3	Ilkka V. Tuominen Ilkka V. Tuominen	Seppo Mikkola Seppo Mikkola
France	VII	1, 8	Daniel Rouan Corinne Charbonnel	Jean-Eudes Arlot William Thuillot
Germany	VII	1, 8	Andreas Quirrenbach Andreas Quirrenbach	Hans Zinnecker Christian Henkel
Greece	III	1, 4	-	-
Hungary	II	1, 3	Kristof Petrovay Lidia van Driel-Gesztelyi	Kristof Petrovay Lidia van Driel-Gesztelyi

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Iceland	I	1, 2	-	-
India	V	1, 6	S. Sirajul Hasan Ravi Subrahmanyam	S. Sirajul Hasan Ravi Subrahmanyam
Indonesia	I	1, 2	Chatief Kunjaya -	Chatief Kunjaya -
Iran	I	0, 0	-	-
Ireland	I	1, 2	Thomas P. Ray Thomas P. Ray	Thomas P. Ray Thomas P. Ray
Israel	III	1, 4	Morris Podolak Dina Prialnik-Kovetz	Morris Podolak Dina Prialnik-Kovetz
Italy	VII	1, 8	Ginevra Trinchieri Ginevra Trinchieri	Ginevra Trinchieri Ginevra Trinchieri
Japan	VII	1, 8	Norio Kaifu Norio Kaifu	Sadanori Okamura Sadanori Okamura
Korea RP	II	1, 3	Myung Gyoon Lee Myung Gyoon	Myung Gyoon Lee Lee Myung Gyoon Lee
Latvia	I	1, 2	Dimitijs Docenko Dimitijs Docenko	Dimitijs Docenko Dimitijs Docenko
Lebanon	Int.	0, 0	-	-
Lithuania	I	0, 0	Gražina Tautvaišiene Gražina Tautvaišiene	Gražina Tautvaišiene Gražina Tautvaišiene
Malaysia	I	1, 2	-	-
Mexico	III	1, 4	Alberto Carramiñana Alberto Carramiñana	Irene Cruz González Irene Cruz González
Mongolia	Int.	1, 0	-	-
Morocco	Int.	1, 0	-	-
Netherlands	V	1, 6	Thijs van der Hulst Thijs van der Hulst	Jan Lub Jan Lub
New Zealand	II	1, 3	Alan C. Gilmore -	Alan C. Gilmore -
Nigeria	I	1, 2	-	-
Norway	II	1, 3	Øyvind Sorensen Mats Carlsson	Øyvind Sorensen Mats Carlsson
Peru	Int.	1, 0	-	-
Philippines	Int.	1, 0	-	-

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Poland	III	1, 4	Edwin Wnuk Edwin Wnuk	Edwin Wnuk Edwin Wnuk
Portugal	II	1, 3	José P. Osório José P. Osório	José P. Osório José P. Osório
Romania	I	1, 2	Petre Popescu Petre Popescu	Petre Popescu Petre Popescu
Russian Federation	V	1, 6	Dimitrij Bisikalo Dimitrij Bisikalo	Nikolaj Samus Nikolaj Samus
Saudi Arabia	I	1, 2	-	-
Serbia, Rep. of	I	1, 2	Zoran Knežević Zoran Knežević	Zoran Knežević Zoran Knežević
Slovakia	I	1, 2	Jozef Ziznovsky Jozef Ziznovsky	Jozef Ziznovsky Jozef Ziznovsky
South Africa	III	1, 4	Patricia Whitelock Patricia Whitelock	Peter Martinez Peter Martinez
Spain	IV	1, 5	Valentin Martínez Pillet Valentin Martínez Pillet	Rafael Bachiller Rafael Bachiller
Sweden	III	1, 4	Nikolai Piskunov Dainis Dravins	Nikolai Piskunov Dainis Dravins
Switzerland	III	1, 4	Manuel Güdel Manuel Güdel	Manuel Güdel Manuel Güdel
Tajikistan	I	0, 0	Ibadinov Kursand -	Ibadinov Kursand -
Thailand	I	1, 2	Boonrucksar Soonthornthum Boonrucksar Soonthornthum	Saran Poshyachinda Saran Poshyachinda
Turkey	I	1, 2	Kutluay Yüce Kutluay Yüce	Solen Balman Solen Balman
UK	VII	1, 8	Andrew Fabian Andrew Fabian	Paul Murdin Paul Murdin
Ukraine	III	1, 4	Klim Churyumov Klim I. Churyumov	Klim Churyumov Klim I. Churyumov
USA	X	1, 11	Edward Guinan Edward Guinan	Sara Heap Sara Heap
Vatican City State	I	1, 2	Christopher Corbally Christopher Corbally	Guy Consolmagno Guy Consolmagno
Venezuela	I	1, 2	- Gustavo Bruzual	- Gustavo Bruzual

The National Representatives met on Monday 3 August and Wednesday 12 August.
The Nominating Committee also met on met the same days.

3. Appointment of Official Tellers

The Official Tellers were duly appointed:

Martha P. Haynes (chair)	USA
Patricia Cruz	Brazil
Christina Magoulas	Australia
Rogério Riffel	Brazil
José Vasquez Mata	Mexico
Joyce Yun	China

4. Admission of new National Members to the Union

The following new National Members were unanimously admitted to the Union:

	Category	Adhering Organization
Costa Rica	Interim	The University of Costa Rica
Honduras	Interim	Observatorio Astronómico Centroamericano de Suyapa
Panama	Interim	Universidad de Panamá, Facultad de Ciencias Naturales
Vietnam	Interim	Vietnam Astronomy Society, Hanoi National University of Education

5. Revisions of Statutes and Bye-Laws

The revisions to the Statutes and Bye-Laws were presented by the Assistant General Secretary, Dr. Ian F. Corbett.

One revision was proposed from the floor and was accepted: that “Republic of France” be changed to “France”. With this revision the changes were approved. The revised Statutes and Bye-Laws are given in Chapter 7 of these *Transactions*.

6. Appointment of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows:

National Member	Category of Adherence	Votes (a), (b)	Finance Committee members
Argentina	II	1, 3	Roberto Aquilano/Andrea Ahumada
Armenia	I	0, 0	-
Australia	IV	1, 5	John O'Byrne/John O'Byrne
Austria	I	1, 2	Gerhard Hensler/Gerhard Hensler
Belgium	IV	1, 5	Anne Lemaître/Anne Lemaître
Bolivia	I	0, 0	-
Brazil	II	1, 3	Horacio Dottori/Horacio Dottori
Bulgaria	I	1, 2	-
Canada	V	1, 6	Gregory Fahlman/Gregory Fahlman
Chile	II	0, 0	René Méndez Bussard/Mario Hamuy
China Nanjing	VI	1, 7	Shuang-Nan Zhang/Shuang-Nan Zhang
China Taipei	II	1, 3	Hsiang-Kuang Chang/Lin-Wen Chen
Croatia	I	1, 2	-
Czech Republic	III	1, 4	Cyril Ron/Cyril Ron
Denmark	III	1, 4	Johannes Andersen/Johannes Andersen
Egypt	III	0, 0	-
Estonia	I	1, 2	Laurits Leedjärv/Laurits Leedjärv
Finland	II	1, 3	Seppo Mikkola/Seppo Mikkola
France	VII	1, 8	Monique Spite/Monique Spite
Germany	VII	1, 8	Hans Zinnecker/Svetlana Hubrig
Greece	III	1, 4	-
Hungary	II	1, 3	Kristof Petrovay/Lidia van Driel-Gesztelyi
Iceland	I	1, 2	-
India	V	1, 6	S. Sirajul Hasan/Ravi Subrahmanyam
Indonesia	I	1, 2	Chatief Kunjaya/-
Iran	I	0, 0	-
Ireland	I	1, 2	Thomas Ray/Thomas Ray
Israel	III	1, 4	Morris Podolak/Dina Prialnik-Kovetz
Italy	VII	1, 8	Ginevra Trinchieri/Ginevra Trinchieri
Japan	VII	1, 8	Toshio Fukushima/Toshio Fukushima
Korea RP	II	1, 3	Myung Gyoon Lee/Myung Gyoon Lee
Latvia	I	1, 2	Dimitijs Docenko/Dimitijs Docenko
Lebanon	Int.	0, 0	-
Lithuania	I	0, 0	Gražina Tautvaišiene/Gražina Tautvaišiene
Malaysia	I	1, 2	-
Mexico	III	1, 4	Alfonso Serrano/Alfonso Serrano
Mongolia	Int.	1, 0	-
Morocco	Int.	1, 0	-
Netherlands	V	1, 6	Jan Lub/Jan Lub
New Zealand	II	1, 3	Alan Gilmore/Alan Gilmore
Nigeria	I	1, 2	-
Norway	II	1, 3	Øyvind Sørensen/Mats Carlsson
Peru	I	0, 0	-
Philippines	Int.	1, 0	-
Poland	III	1, 4	Edwin Wnuk/Edwin Wnuk
Portugal	II	1, 3	José P. Osório/-
Romania	I	1, 2	Petre Popescu/Petre Popescu
Russian Federation	V	1, 6	Dmitrij Bisikalo/Dmitrij Bisikalo

National Member	Adherence Category	Votes (a),(b)	Finance Committee members
Saudi Arabia	I	1, 2	-
Serbia, Rep. of	I	1, 2	Zoran Knežević/Zoran Knežević
Slovakia	I	1, 2	Jozef Ziznovsky/Jozef Ziznovsky
South Africa	III	1, 4	Catherine Cress/Catherine Cress
Spain	IV	1, 5	Valentin Martínez Pillet/ Rafael Bachiller
Sweden	III	1, 4	Nikolai Piskunov/Dainis Dravins
Switzerland	III	1, 4	Manuel Güdel/Manuel Güdel
Tajikistan	I	0, 0	Ibadinov Kursand/-
Thailand	I	1, 2	Boonrucksar Soonthornthum/ Saran Poshyachinda
Turkey	I	1, 2	Kutluay Yüce/Solen Balman
UK	VII	1, 8	Paul Murdin/Paul Murdin
Ukraine	III	1, 4	Klim Churyumov/Klim Churyumov
USA	X	1, 11	Kevin Marvel/Kevin B. Marvel
Vatican City State	I	1, 2	Richard Boyle/Richard Boyle
Venezuela	I	1, 2	-/Gustavo Bruzual

The Finance Committee met on Monday 3 August and Wednesday 12 August.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members are listed under Section 2 above.

8. Report of Executive Committee 2006 – 2009

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the General Secretary, Dr. Karel A. van der Hucht, and is given in Chapter IV of these *Transactions*.

9. Report of the Special Nominating Committee

Nominations of the IAU Executive Committee for Triennium 2009 – 2012

President-Elect	Norio Kaifu	Japan
Assistant General Secretary	Thierry Montmerle	France
Vice-President	Matthew Colless	Australia
Vice-President	Jan Palouš	Czech Republic
Vice-President	Marta G. Rovira	Argentina

The SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE proposes the following slate of IAU members for the Officers and Members of the IAU Executive Committee for the triennium 2009 – 2012:

President	Robert Williams	USA
President-Elect	Norio Kaifu	Japan
General Secretary	Ian F. Corbett	UK
Assistant General Secretary	Thierry Montmerle	France
Vice-President	Matthew Colless	Australia
Vice-President	Martha P. Haynes	USA
Vice-President	George K. Miley	Netherlands
Vice-President	Jan Palouš	Czech Republic
Vice-President	Marta G. Rovira	Argentina
Vice-President	Giancarlo Setti	Italy
Adviser	Catherine J. Cesarsky	France
Adviser	Karel A. van der Hucht	Netherlands

10. Proposals to host the XXIX GA in 2015

Proposals were received from:

National Member	city	proposed by
Canada	Calgary	Canadian NCA, NRC, CAS
France	Paris	French NCA, SF2A
United States	Hawai'i	US NCA, NAS, AAS

These proposals were examined by the Executive Committee at its 86th meeting and the outcome presented to the 2nd Session of the General Assembly.

11. Closure of Session

There being no other business the President declared the session closed.