

ASTRONOMER'S HANDBOOK

The Astronomer's Handbook (*IAU Transactions XIIC*, edited by J.-C. Pecker, *IAU Transactions XIII B*, edited by L. Perek, and *IAU Transactions XIV B*, edited by C. de Jager and A. Jappel) contains documents of permanent importance. Only the parts changed after the XVth General Assembly are supplemented here.

I. SHORT HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION

Table 2 of *IAU Trans. XIIC* should be supplemented as follows:

XVth General Assembly, 1973, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	
Members of the Union, after the General Assembly	3188
Adhering Countries	47
Participants in the General Assembly (Members 698)	840
Number of Commissions	40
Volumes of Transactions A	pp. VIII+760
B	pp. IX+334
<i>Highlights 1973</i>	pp. X+574
President: L. Goldberg	1973-1976
General Secretary: G. Contopoulos	1973-1976
Assistant General Secretary: Edith A. Müller	1973-1976
Vice-Presidents: J. G. Bolton	1973-1979
Ch. Fehrenbach	1973-1979
W. Iwanowska	1973-1979

II. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES OF THE UNION

A. ADMINISTRATION

The address of the Secretariat is:

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The Secretariat is headed by the General Secretary, G. Contopoulos. The staff of the office consists of the Executive Secretary, A. Jappel, the Administrative Assistant, Mrs J. Daňková, the Secretary to the office, Miss D. Mori and a typist.

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B. FINANCES

(a) The XVth General Assembly resolved to increase the unit of contribution to 1125 gold francs, that is \$438.92 or 1329.93 Swiss francs (as on 28 June 1973), for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976.

III. THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

A. THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS

The terms of office of other international scientific bodies differ from those of the IAU. Information in this respect should be looked up in the Yearbook of the ICSU for the current year. Only IAU representatives are mentioned in the following paragraphs.

The IAU is represented by the General Secretary, G. Contopoulos, on the General Committee of the ICSU.

B. IAU REPRESENTATIVES ON SCIENTIFIC AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF ICSU

1. *Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)*: C. de Jager
 2. *ICSU Abstracting Board (IAB)*: J. B. Sykes
 3. *Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Services (FAGS)*:
G. A. Wilkins and G. Contopoulos
- IAU representatives in FAGS services:
- Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH)*: H. Enslin and H. M. Smith
 - International Polar Motion Service (IPMS)*: E. P. Fedorov and B. Guinot
 - International Ursigrams and World Day Service (IUWDS)*: F. W. Jäger
 - Scientific Ballooning and Radiations Monitoring Organizations (SBARMO)*:
P. Simon and L. D. de Feiter

C. IAU REPRESENTATIVES ON INTER-UNION COMMITTEES AND IN COMMISSIONS OF ICSU

1. *Inter-Union Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Sciences (IUCAF)*: F. G. Smith and R. Wielebinski
2. *Special Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP)*: Z. Švestka
3. *Inter-Union Commission for Science Teaching (IUCST)*: D. MacNally
4. *Committee for Data on Science and Technology (CODATA)*: G. A. Wilkins
5. *Inter-Union Commission on Spectroscopy (IUCS)*: B. Edlén, J. G. Philips and M. J. Seaton
6. *Inter-Union Commission on the Moon (IUCM)*: A. Dolfus and E. Anders
7. *Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED)*: D. MacNally

D. IAU REPRESENTATION IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. *La Fondation Internationale du Pic-du-Midi*: A. Lallemant
2. *Le Comité Consultative pour la Définition de la Seconde (CCDS) du Bureau International des Poids et Mesures*: Wm. Markowitz
3. *Le Comité Consultative pour la Définition du Mètre (CCDM) du Bureau International des Poids et Mesures*: A. H. Cook