

CHAPTER II

TWENTY NINETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, 4th August 2015, 16:00-18:00

**Chaired by Norio Kaifu, President of the IAU
Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI**

1. Opening and Welcome

The President of the IAU, Prof. Norio Kaifu, welcomed the delegates and members to this first business session of the General Assembly. The President invited the General Secretary, Dr. Thierry Montmerle, to start the business session.

2. Representatives of IAU National Members

The General Secretary listed the representatives of the National Members (IAU member countries). They are given in the table at the end of this Chapter.

The columns list separately:

- the National Members
- the dues category
- the number of votes attached to each National Representative:
 - (a) for ordinary votes, membership, etc.
 - (b) for financial matters

Note: "Interim" National Members, or National Members in arrears of their dues, do not vote, even if they have appointed a Representative (countries indicated by an asterisk).

- the National Representatives, in their capacity to vote the budget and other issues on behalf of the National Members;
- the National Representative for Finance, in their capacity to discuss and vote on financial matters, as well as to propose nominations and elect the Finance Committee (formerly known as Finance Sub-Committee) for the triennium;
- the National Representatives for Membership Nominations, in their capacity to discuss and vote on individual membership issues, as well as to propose nominations and elect the Special Nominating Committee (SNC), and the Membership Committee.

For each National Member, the first line gives the names of the Representatives present during the first week of the GA, the second line, if present, gives the names of the Representatives present during the second week of the GA.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The delegates approved the agenda of the meeting as published in the Program Book.

4. Reminder of voting rules

The President reminded the delegates and the members about the voting rules, depending on the nature of the vote.

5. Appointment of Official Tellers

The Official Tellers were duly approved. They were:

- Françoise Combes (*Div. B President*)
- Lidia van Driel-Gresztelyi (*Div. E President*)
- Marry Kay Hemenway (*chair, Div. C President*)
- David Silva (*Div. B President*)
- Giovanni Valsecchi (*Div. F President*)

6. Admission of New National Members to the Union

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

Country: Colombia

Category: I

Adhering Organization: Observatorio Astronomico Nacional, Bogota

7. Revisions of Statutes and Bye-Laws

There were no revisions of the Statutes and Bye-Laws.

The current version of the Statutes and Bye-Laws are reported in Chapter VII of these *Transactions*.

8. Report of the Executive Committee (2009-2012)

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the General Secretary, Dr. Thierry Montmerle, and is reported in Chapter V of these *Transactions*.

9. Report of the Special Nominating Committee

The Special Nominating Committee 2012-2015 was formed by:

President:	Norio Kaifu (chair, Japan)
Former President:	Robert Williams (USA)
EC-Selected Member:	Françoise Combes (France)
Selected Members:	Edward van den Heuvel (Netherland)
	Malcolm S. Longair (UK)
	Matthias Steinmetz (Germany)
	Gang Zhao (China Nanjing)
Advisors (GS & AGS):	Thierry Montmerle, Piero Benvenuti
Observer (PE):	Silvia Torres-Peimbert

The Special Nominating Committee proposes the following slate for IAU members for the Officers and Members of the IAU Executive Committee for the triennium 2015-2018:

President	Silvia Torres Peimbert (Mexico)
President-Elect	Ewine van Dishoeck (Netherland)
General Secretary	Piero Benvenuti (Italy)
Assistant General Secretary	Teresa Lago (Portugal)
Vice-President	Debra Elmeegreen (USA)
Vice-President	Ajit Kembhavi (India)
Vice-President	Renée Kraan-Korteweg (South Africa)
Vice-President	Xiao-Wei Liu (China Nanjing)
Vice-President	Dina Prialnik (Israel)
Vice-President	Boris Shustov (Russia)
Adviser	Norio Kaifu (Japan)
Adviser	Thierry Montmerle (France)

10. Proposal to host the XXXI General Assembly in 2021

Four proposals were received to host the XXXI General Assembly in 2021. They were presented by:

- Canada (Montréal)
- Chile (Santiago)
- Korea (Rep. of, Busan)
- South Africa (Cape Town)

Representatives of the four proposals were invited to present their bid during the II Session of the 96th Executive Committee Meeting on Friday August 7th, 2015. The decision by the Executive Committee on the location of the 2021 General Assembly will be announced during the II Business Session of the GA.

Closure of Session

There being no other business items to discuss, the President declared the session closed.

Representatives of National Members (see Sect. 2)

National Member	Dues Category	Votes (a, b)	National Representatives	Finance Committee Nominations	Membership & SNC Nominations
Argentina	II	1, 3	-	-	-
Armenia	I	1, 2	Areg Mickaelian	Areg Mickaelian	Areg Mickaelian
Australia	IV	1, 5	Andrew Hopkins	Stuart Wyithe	Stuart Wyithe
Austria	II	1, 3	Manuel Güdel	Manuel Güdel	Manuel Güdel
Belgium	IV	1, 5	-	-	-
Bulgaria	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Brazil	III	1, 4	Othon Winter	Othon Winter	Othon Winter
Canada	V	1, 6	Christine Wilson	Christine Wilson	Christine Wilson
Chile	II	1, 3	Ezequiel Treister	Patricio Rojo	Ezequiel Treister
China Nanjing	VI	1, 7	Gang ZHAO	Shuangnan ZHANG	Gang ZHAO
China Taipei	II	1, 3	You-Hua Chu	You-Hua Chu	You-Hua Chu
Costa Rica	interim	0, 0			

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Croatia	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Czech Rep.	III	1, 4	Petr Heinzl	Richard Wunsch	Jiri Borovicka
Denmark	III	1, 4	J. Christensen-Dalsgaard	J. Christensen-Dalsgaard	J. Christensen-Dalsgaard
Estonia	I	1, 2	Laurits Leedjärv	Laurits Leedjärv	Laurits Leedjärv
Finland	II	1, 3	Heidi Korhonen	Heidi Korhonen	Heidi Korhonen
France	VII	1, 8	Denis Burgarella	Daniel Hestroffer	Corinne Charbonnel
Germany	VII	1, 8	Matthias Steinmetz	Matthias Steinmetz	Matthias Steinmetz
Greece	III	1, 4	V. Charmandaris	V. Charmandaris	V. Charmandaris
Honduras	interim	0, 0			
Hungary	II	1, 3	Csaba Kiss	Laszlo Viktor Tóth	Csaba Kiss
Iceland	I	1, 2	-	-	-
India	V	1, 6	Prajval Shashtri	Prajval Shashtri	Prajval Shashtri
Indonesia	I	0, 0	Dhani Herdiwijaya	Dhani Herdiwijaya	Dhani Herdiwijaya
Iran	I	0, 0			
Ireland	I	1, 2	Matt Redman	Matt Redman	Matt Redman
Israel	III	1, 4	Shay Zucker	Shay Zucker	Shay Zucker
Italy	VII	1, 8	Ginevra Trinchieri	Ginevra Trinchieri	Ginevra Trinchieri
Japan	VII	1, 8	Sadanori Okamura	Sadanori Okamura	Hitoshi Yamaoka
Korea, Ref. of	II	1, 3	Hyesung Kang	Hyung Mok Lee	Hyung Mok Lee
Latvia	I	0, 0			
Lebanon	interim	0, 0			
Lithuania*	I	0, 0	-	-	-
Malaysia	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Mexico	III	1, 4	Hector Bravo-Alfaro	Miriam Pena	Miriam Pena
Mongolia	interim	0, 0			
Morocco*	I	0, 0	-	-	-
Netherlands	V	1, 6	R.A.M.J Wijers	Lex Kaper	Lex Kaper
New Zealand	II	1, 3	Karen Pollard	Karen Pollard	Karen Pollard
Nigeria	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Norway	II	1, 3	Hakon Dahle	Hakon Dahle	Hakon Dahle
Panama	interim	0, 0			
Peru*	I	0, 0	-	-	-
Philippines	I	1, 2	Cynthia P. Celebre	Cynthia P. Celebre	Cynthia P. Celebre
Poland	IV	1, 5	Andrzej Udalski	Andrzej Udalski	Andrzej Udalski
Portugal	II	1, 3	-	-	-
Romania	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Russian Fed.	V	1, 6	Dmitrij Bisikalo	Lyudmila I. Mashonkina	Andrei K. Dambis
Saudi Arabia	I	0, 0	-	-	-
Serbia	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Slovakia	I	1, 2	Ales Kucera	Ales Kucera	Ales Kucera
South Africa	III	1, 4	Patrick Woudt	Patrick Woudt	Patrick Woudt
Spain	IV	1, 5	Rafael Bachiller	Rafael Bachiller	Rafael Bachiller
Sweden	III	1, 4	Dainis Dravins	Dainis Dravins	Dainis Dravins
Switzerland	III	1, 4	Georges Meylan	Georges Meylan	Georges Meylan
Tajikistan	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Thailand	I	1, 2	Busaba Kramer	Busaba Kramer	Busaba Kramer
Turkey	I	1, 2	-	-	-
Ukraine	III	1, 4	Peter P. Berczik	Peter P. Berczik	Peter P. Berczik
UK	VII	1, 8	Martin Barstow	Martin Barstow	Adrian Michael Cruise
United States	X	1, 11	Lynne Hillenbrand	Sara Heap	Ken Kellermann
Vatican	I	1, 2	Christopher Corbally	Pavel Gábor	Christopher Corbally
Venezuela	I	1, 2	-	-	-