

ASTRONOMER'S HANDBOOK

The Astronomer's Handbook (IAU Transactions Vol. XIIC, edited by J.-C. Pecker in 1966) contains many documents of permanent value. Only those parts which changed after the XIIIth General Assembly will be given here in the form of supplements. The numbering of paragraphs in XIIC will be adhered to in order to facilitate the reference from one volume to the other.

The reader is referred to the IAU Transactions Vol. XIIC in particular in all matters relating to the Style Book (p. 55 in French, p. 101 in English), to the Organization of Symposia and Colloquia (p. 129), and to the Statutes and By-laws (p. 138).

PART 1 OF ASTRONOMER'S HANDBOOK

I. SHORT HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION

A, B, C no change against Trans. IAU, XIIC, 3.

D. Table 2 should be supplemented by the following data:

XIIIth General Assembly, 1967, Prague (Czechoslovakia)	
Members of the Union (after the G. A.)	2009
Participants (788 Members)	1835
Number of Commissions	38
Volumes of Transactions A	1156 pages
B	319 pages
Highlights 1967	558 pages
President: O. Heckmann	1967–1970
General Secretary: L. Perek	1967–1970
Assistant General Secretary: C. de Jager	1967–1970
Vice-Presidents: W. Fricke	1964–1967
W. N. Christiansen	1964–1970
M. K. Vainu Bappu	1967–1973
L. Gratton	1967–1973
J. Sahade	1967–1973

II. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES OF THE UNION

A. ADMINISTRATION

The address of the Secretariat is

International Astronomical Union
Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences
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PRAHA 2
Czechoslovakia.

The Secretariat is headed by the General Secretary, L. Perek. The staff of the office consists of the Assistant Secretary, A. Jappel, and a secretarial employee, Mrs J. Daňková. All problems related to Symposia and Colloquia are dealt with by the Assistant General Secretary,

Prof. C. De Jager
Astronomical Observatory "Sonnenborgh"
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UTRECHT
The Netherlands.

He also maintains the contact with the publisher.

B. FINANCES

(a) The XIIIth General Assembly raised the unit of contribution to 900 gold francs, that is to 293.94 U.S. dollars, for the years 1968, 1969, 1970.

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

A. THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS

The composition of other international bodies changes at other intervals than does that of the IAU. The reader is therefore referred to 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, L. Perek, in the Executive Committee of the ICSU.

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

1. *Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)*: L. Gratton (till 1968).
2. *Special Committee for the International Year of the Quiet Sun (IQSY)*.
The Committee was discontinued as from 1 January 1968.
3. *International Abstracting Board (IAB)*: J. B. Sykes.
4. *Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Sciences (FAGS)*: D. H. Sadler (*Vice-President*),
B. Guinot.
IAU representatives in FAGS services:
Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH): H. M. Smith, F. Zagar.
International Polar Motion Service: Organizing Committee of IAU Commission 19.
Quarterly Bulletin on Solar Activity: Organizing Committee of IAU Commission 10.
International Ursigrams and World Day Service (IUWDS): R. Michard.
Solar Particles and Radiation Monitoring Organization (SPARMO): C. De Jager.

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

1. *Comité International de Géophysique (CIG)*: G. Righini (*Vice-President*), R. Michard.
2. *Inter-Union Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Science (IUCAF)*: J. F. Denisse, V. A. Sanamjan, F. G. Smith (*Chairman*), O. Hachenberg.
3. *Inter-Union Committee on the Ionosphere (IUCI)*: discontinued.
4. *Inter-Union Commission on Solar Terrestrial Physics (IUCSTP)* created in 1966: Z. Švestka.
5. *Inter-Union Commission on Science Teaching (IUCST)*: Miss Edith Müller.
6. *Committee for Data on Science and Technology (CODATA)*: Mrs. Ch. Moore-Sitterly.
7. *Inter-Union Commission on Spectroscopy*: A. H. Cook, B. Edlén, J. G. Phillips, M. J. Seaton.