

PREFACE

The present part, Volume XIII B, has the title Proceedings of the General Assembly. It contains the complete record of the Inaugural Ceremony; of the two sessions of the General Assembly; resolutions adopted by the General Assembly; Reports of 140 Meetings of Commissions; and a supplement to Astronomer's Handbook listing in principle only those parts which changed since the edition of IAU Transactions Vol. XIIC, (in particular the Membership of Commissions and Alphabetical List of Members of the Union).

Volume XIII A, with the title Reports on Astronomy, has been published before the present volume. It contains the Report of the Executive Committee and the Draft Reports of Commissions as presented to the General Assembly and as subsequently corrected. Additions to the Draft Reports which would have required the repagination of the Draft Reports, appear in the present volume in the reports of the Commissions.

The Invited Discourses, the Joint Discussions, the proceedings of meetings of Commission 17 on the Moon Probes, and a report on the joint meeting of Commission 10 and 44 on 'Coordination of Solar Observations Made at Ground-based Observatories and with Space Vehicles' will appear in a separate volume entitled 'Highlights of Astronomy as presented at the XIIIth General Assembly of the IAU, Praha 1967'.

Other scientific results, in particular those presented at the meetings of Commissions, are reported in the present volume in a very condensed form, as it is assumed that the papers will be published in full in the current astronomical periodicals and publications. This step was considered essential by the Executive Committee in order to avoid duplication in publishing scientific results.

Three Symposia were held immediately after the General Assembly:

No. 33: Physics and Dynamics of Meteors

No. 34: Planetary Nebulae

No. 35: The Structure and Development of Solar Active Regions. The proceedings of these Symposia will appear as separate volumes in the series of IAU Symposia, published by the D. Reidel Publishing Company, Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

I wish to express my thanks to all those who contributed to the present volume: to the Presidents and Secretaries of Commissions who prepared the reports of Commissions; my special thanks are due to those who submitted their reports with the proverb "bis dat qui cito dat" in mind. The preparation of Parts 1 and 4 would have been impossible without the competency and skill of Miss G. Drouin and Mrs J. Daňková.

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