

PREFACE

After the same pattern as the XIIIth General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union the present Volume of the Highlights in Astronomy contains the texts of the *invited discourses* given at the XIVth General Assembly held in Brighton, England, August 1970. It contains further the papers and discussion remarks presented at the six *joint discussions*, as well as the invited papers given at the *special session on the Moon*. In addition this Volume contains the papers given at the joint meeting of Commissions 24, 27, 30, 33 and 37 on *RR Lyrae Stars*.

It goes without saying that the nearly hundred papers printed in this Volume represent only a minor part of all matter dealt with at the XIVth General Assembly of the Union; the many important discussions that took place in a few hundred commission meetings are not included. For short abstracts and reviews of these the reader is referred to *Transactions* of the International Astronomical Union XIVB.

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