

FOREWORD

At the recommendation of Commission 26 and by invitation of Instituto de Astronomía de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, IAU Colloquium No. 33 was held October 13-16, 1975 at Oaxtepec, México.

The Scientific Organizing Committee consisted of A. H. Batten, J. Dommaget, O. G. Franz (President), R. S. Harrington, P. van de Kamp, S. L. Lippincott (Vice-President), P. Muller, A. Poveda, K. Aa. Strand, and V. Szebehely. Members of the Local Organizing Committee were C. Allen, P. Pismis, A. Poveda (President), and J. Warman.

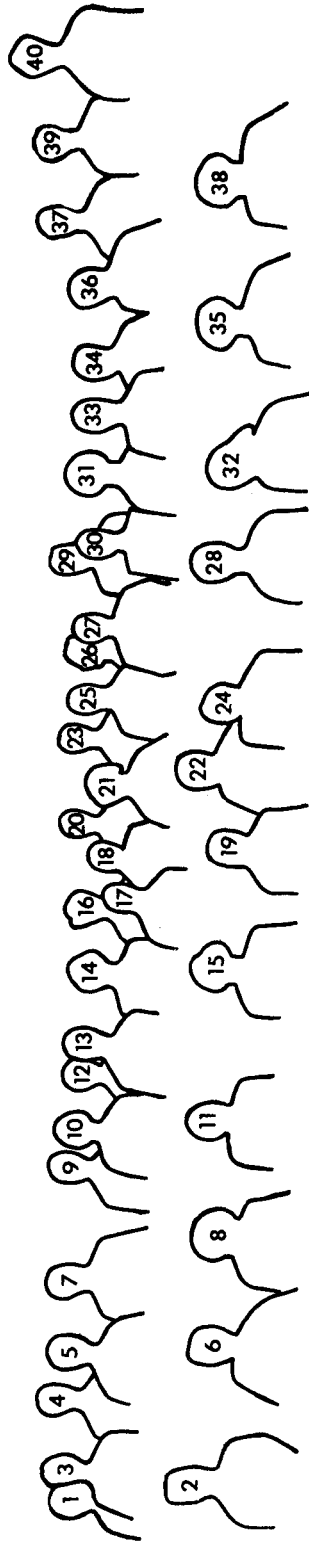
Financial support for this Colloquium was granted primarily by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Additional funds were received from the International Astronomical Union and the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología.

The conference was opened by Dean Ayala-Castañares, who welcomed the participants on behalf of the University. The extensive scientific program, conducted in six half-day sessions, was interrupted only once for a most interesting afternoon excursion to the archeological site of Xochicalco.

The efforts of the Local Organizing Committee assured the smooth and pleasant development of the conference.

The participants decided by unanimous vote to dedicate the Proceedings of this conference to W. S. FINSSEN in recognition of his outstanding contributions to double star research.

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