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As the largest virialized systems in the universe, clusters of galaxies are astrophysical laboratories for studying a wide variety of phenomena. These range from the properties of individual galaxies, to the intra-cluster medium through which they move and the violent events that accompany cluster mergers. Observational data span the entire electromagnetic spectrum from X-ray through UV to optical, infrared and radio. Each wavelength region reveals a different facet of the underlying astrophysics that governs the gas and galaxies.

In this context, we felt it was timely to schedule a Joint Discussion about clusters and their evolution within the IAU General Assembly in Sydney. The multi-wavelength theme emphasized the above mentioned synergies, and linked the exciting new observational data from ground-based and space observatories to the most recent analytical and numerical simulations.

Joint Discussion 10 focused on some recent highlights of cluster research: (i) cluster formation, with discussion of the optical and X-ray data, substructure, mergers and accretion; (ii) cluster galaxies, with emphasis on the star-formation histories and radio galaxy populations; and (iii) the intra-cluster medium, with the recent results on the gas cavities, cooling flows, non-thermal processes and the interaction between thermal and relativistic plasma. Since it was only a 1.5-day meeting, the number of oral contributions was limited to 10 invited and 12 contributed talks. Other contributions were presented as Posters, and a short presentation of each poster was given during the oral session.

In the following sections we present an abbreviated version of the program, followed by the texts of 8 of the 10 invited talks, the abstracts of the contributed talks, and the list of posters.

We thank all the participants for their contributions to a productive and successful meeting.

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