

## 9. COMMISSION DES INSTRUMENTS ASTRONOMIQUES

### Report of Meetings

PRESIDENT: G. E. Kron.

SECRETARY: Neville Woolf.

#### First meeting, 16 August 1961

This was a short business meeting, following a meeting of Sub-Commission 9a under the chairmanship of W. A. Baum. Discussion of the *Draft Report* was called for, but there was no discussion and the *Draft Report* was considered to be acceptable.

It was announced that G. Dimitroff had offered to make a list of the world's observatories, and that information about astronomers and instruments was also required. It was also announced that there would be a change in the constitution of the Commission, in that the two Sub-Commissions 9a and 9b would become Working Groups of the main Commission 9.

There was a proposal from Rösch concerning a change in the name of Commission 9 (see *Draft Report*). The proposal was brought up for discussion, but there was no discussion. There was also a proposal from Dunham that an informal symposium be held on the problems of coudé spectrographs. It was decided to hold this discussion at a second meeting of the Commission.

There was no further business. The meeting was brought to a close by a description of the St Andrews 37-in.—37-in. Schmidt Cassegrain telescope by Stibbs.

#### Second meeting, 21 August 1961

During a short business session, an organising committee consisting of Rösch, Kron, Hall, and McGee was selected. The remainder of this session was turned over to the discussion of the problems of coudé spectrographs. Speakers were Aller, Bowen, O. C. Wilson, Hiltner, Fehrenbach, Feast, Berg, and Woolf. There was sufficient discussion to make the content of the meeting of some interest, and it is planned to have the complete minutes mimeographed and distributed to members of Commissions 9 and 29.

## 9a. SOUS COMMISSION DES CONVERTISSEURS D'IMAGES

### Report of Meetings, 16 and 19 August 1961

PRESIDENT: W. A. Baum.

SECRETARY: J. D. McGee.

Sub-Commission 9a met at 9<sup>h</sup>00<sup>m</sup> on 16 August 1961, under the Chairmanship of Dr W. A. Baum, President of the Sub-Commission.

In opening the session the Chairman referred to the change in status of the Sub-Commission in the future, when it would become a committee of Commission 9.

Before beginning formal business the Chairman proposed that a telegram of congratulations should be sent to Professor A. Lallemand on his recent election to the French Academy of Science. The proposal was carried unanimously.