

The President then moved that the General Assembly approve the report of the Resolutions Committee and adopt resolutions 1 through 7, as recommended. This motion was carried by both representatives of Adhering Countries and Members.

17 (a) *Admission of new Member Country.* The General Secretary reported that the Executive Committee had carefully examined the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to the IAU, and had found that the development of astronomy in this country lives up to the standards required for IAU membership. He, therefore, moved that the General Assembly admit the Republic of Korea as a new Adhering Country to the Union. This motion was carried unanimously.

17 (b) *New Members of the Union.* The General Secretary announced that the Executive Committee had, on the proposal of Adhering Organizations and on the advice of the Nominating Committee, admitted 612 new Members to the Union, and deleted 10 names from its membership list. The names of new Members had been prominently displayed and the General Secretary did not propose to read them. He informed the General Assembly that these names would be incorporated in the alphabetical list of Members to appear in print, and that the new Members would be informed in writing of their election.

18. *Commissions.*

(a) The General Secretary submitted to the approval of the General Assembly the following proposal of the Executive Committee:

- (i) that the name of IAU Commission No. 15 be henceforward 'Physics of Comets, Minor Planets and Meteorites'
- (ii) that the name of IAU Commission No. 22 be henceforward 'Meteors and Interplanetary Dust'
- (iii) that the name of IAU Commission No. 25 be henceforward 'Stellar Photometry and Polarimetry'
- (iv) that the name of IAU Commission No. 42 be henceforward 'Close Binary Stars'
- (v) that IAU Commission No. 43 'Astrophysical Plasmas and Magnetohydrodynamics' be abolished
- (vi) that two new IAU Commissions be established, namely IAU Commission No. 49 'The Interplanetary Plasma and the Heliosphere', and IAU Commission No. 50 'Protection of Existing and Potential Observatory Sites'

This proposal was approved by the General Assembly.

(b) The General Secretary presented, on behalf of the Executive Committee, the following list of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of IAU Commissions for election by the General Assembly, subject to their willingness to serve:

<i>Commission No.</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
4	R. L. Duncombe	V. K. Abalakin
5	J.-C. Pecker	W. D. Heintz
6	P. Simon	E. Roemer
7	P. J. Message	V. Szebehely
8	G. van Herk	R. H. Tucker
9	A. B. Meinel	J. Ring
10	K. O. Kiepenheuer	G. A. Newkirk
12	R. G. Giovanelli	M. K. V. Bappu
14	R. H. Garstang	W. Lochte-Holtgreven
15	A. H. Delsemme	N. B. Richter
16	C. H. Mayer	T. C. Owen
17	S. K. Runcorn	E. Anders and K. P. Florenskij
19	C. Sugava	R. O. Vicente

20	L. Kresák	B. G. Marsden
21	J. L. Weinberg	R. Dumond
22	B. A. Lindblad	I. Halliday
24	P. Lacroute	C. A. Murray
25	M. Golay	A. Hiltner
26	S. L. Lippincott	P. Muller
27	M. W. Feast	W. Wenzel
28	E. Holmberg	B. E. Markarian
29	A. A. Boyarchuk	M. Hack
30	R. F. Griffin	A. H. Batten
31	H. Enslin	D. A. Orte
33	L. Perek	F. J. Kerr
34	H. van Woerden	G. B. Field
35	L. Mestel	B. Paczynski
36	R. Cayrel	D. Mihalas
37	I. R. King	S. van den Bergh
38	P. M. Routly	D. A. MacRae
40	Yu. N. Parijskij	H. van der Laan
41	O. Gingerich	J. Dobrzycki
42	T. Herczeg	G. Larsson-Leander
44	A. Code	R. M. Bonnet
45	C. O. R. Jaschek	E. K. Kharadze
46	D. McNally	E. V. Kononovich and D. G. Wentzel
47	M. S. Longair	I. D. Novikov
48	M. J. Rees	I. S. Shklovski
49	E. N. Parker	W. I. Axford and A. Hewish
50	M. F. Walker	R. Cayrel

This list was approved by the General Assembly.

(c) The General Secretary reminded that, according to Article 20(b) of the By-laws, the members of the Organizing Committees of Commissions are appointed by the Commissions themselves subject to the approval by the Executive Committee. He presented to the General Assembly the list of Organizing Committees as approved by the Executive Committee on the advice of the Nominating Committee. The composition of the Organizing Committees of Commissions are given in the list of Commissions on pages 225–240.

19. *Place and date of the XVIth General Assembly.* The President announced that the Union had been favoured by the invitation of the French National Committee of Astronomy to hold the XVIth General Assembly in Grenoble, France, in the second half of August 1976. He then invited Professor Ch. Fehrenbach to address the Assembly. Professor Fehrenbach spoke, first in French, and then in English as follows:

Monsieur le Président de l'Union Astronomique Internationale, Mes chers Collègues,

C'est pour moi à la fois un grand honneur et un grand plaisir d'inviter l'Union Astronomique Internationale à tenir sa prochaine Assemblée Générale en France.

La dernière Assemblée Générale qui ait eu lieu dans notre pays est déjà ancienne. Elle s'est tenue en 1935 à Paris, et c'est avec plaisir que nous accueillerons de nouveau cette assemblée; mais nous vous proposons que la réunion n'ait pas lieu cette fois-ci à Paris, mais dans une de nos belles villes de province: Grenoble.

Les différentes autorités locales, le Maire, le Préfet du Département, le Président de l'Université, ont mis à notre disposition tous les moyens dont ils disposent pour permettre une organisation à la fois efficace et agréable de ce Congrès et nous serons accueillis avec plaisir.

La Ville de Grenoble, située au confluent de l'Isère et du Drac, n'est pas une très grande ville.