

COMMISSION 28: GALAXIES

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PRESIDENT: Sadanori Okamura

VICE-PRESIDENT: Elaine Sadler

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: C. Balkowski, F. Bertola, J. Binney, D. Burstein, P. de Zeeuw, A. Fairall, T. Heckman, S. Lilly, Z.-L. Zou

Reports of the Business Meeting of Commission 28 held on 21 August 2003

The meeting was held jointly with Commission 47 and Division VIII. For matters of common interest see the Division VIII report.

The President remembered with sorrow the following members deceased since the Manchester General Assembly: Arthur F. Davidsen, Fred Hoyle, Frank J. Kerr, Philip E. Seiden, Natarajan Visvanathan, and Albert E. Whitford.

A list of 112 new members to be admitted to the IAU at the General Assembly, who had expressed desire to be members of Commission 28, was approved. Members of the Commission before 2000 GA were 765 according to the IAU account (but, 757 according to the President's account). The number shown by the IAU at 2003 GA was, however, 707 instead of 765. The cause of this inconsistency is not known. Based on this number, our Commission has 819 members after 2003 GA.

The President reported the result of continuous efforts to update the membership list, in particular, e-mail addresses. Statistics as of July, 2003 are the following;

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| (1) members with valid e-mail addresses | 660 |
| (2) members with ordinary mail addresses only | 17 |
| (3) members with obsolete addresses | 80 |

The numbers of (1) and (3) above changed, and will surely change, every time the newsletter was/is sent. It is important for all the Commission Members to let the President know the change of e-mail addresses.

The following officers for the triennium 2003-2006 has been approved:

Elaine Sadler	Australia, President
Francoise Combes	France, Vice-President
Sadanori Okamura	Japan, Past President
James Binney	UK
Anthony Fairall	South Africa
Tim Heckman	USA
Simon Lilly	Switzerland
Valentina Karachentseva	Ukraine
Renee Kraan-Korteweg	Mexico
Jill Knapp	USA
Bruno Leibundgut	Germany
Jayant Narlikar	India

The President expressed his appreciation for the outgoing members Chantal Balokowski, David Burstein, Pieter de Zeeuw, and Zhen-Long Zou, and welcomed the new President and the new members of the Organizing Committee.

The President expressed his special thanks to Mark Birkinshaw, webmaster of Division VIII, for maintaining the website of Commission 28 for three years.

Sadanori Okamura
President of the Commission