

## PREFACE

The I.A.U. Colloquium No. 29 was held in Budapest, September 1–5, 1975. The subject of the colloquium was: “Multiple Periodic Variable Stars”. The colloquium was organized by the Scientific Organizing Committee consisting of W. S. Fitch (Chairman), M. W. Feast, B. V. Kukarkin, P. Ledoux, J. Smak, R. S. Stobie, B. Szeidl, B. Warner and S. C. Wolff.

The local organization was placed in the hands of a Committee consisting of the staff of the Konkoly Observatory: B. Szeidl (Chairman), K. Barlai, M. Ill, S. Kanyó and L. Szabados.

The colloquium was attended by about 90 scientists representing Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, F.R.G., G.D.R., Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Roumania, South Africa, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.

Eight sessions were held, viz.

1.  $\beta$  Canis Majoris Stars. Chairman: W. Wenzel
2. Magnetic and Ap Variables. Chairman: S. C. Wolff
3. Miras and Red Variables. Chairman: P. R. Wood
4. Cepheids. Chairman: R. S. Stobie
5. RR Lyrae Stars. Chairman: B. Szeidl
6. RRs and  $\delta$  Scuti Stars. Chairman: W. S. Fitch
7. White Dwarfs and Novae. Chairman: B. Warner
8. Close Binaries and X-Ray Sources. Chairman: E. H. Geyer

At the beginning of the first session a welcome was presented by Professor G. Marx on behalf of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Eötvös Loránd Physical Society. Then B. Szeidl delivered a memorial lecture of László Detre who had initiated this colloquium.

In general, the sessions started with two reviews, one for theory and one for observation.

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Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee