

## Gesellschaften, Vereine und Arbeitskreise mit Beziehungen zur Astronomiegeschichte

### Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP), History Committee

Founded: ca. 1985

Members: 9 members, appointed by the Board of Directors of the ASP

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Joseph S. Tenn, Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3609, USA, E-mail: joe.tenn@sonoma.edu, Phone: (707) 664-2594, Fax: (707) 664-2505, URL: <http://yorty.sonoma.edu/people/faculty/tenn/>

Meetings: None scheduled. The History Committee works mostly by e-mail.

Other activities: The main responsibility of the History Committee is to present history sessions at the ASP's annual meetings. It also advises the ASP on historical matters and occasionally prepares a slide set. Two members of the Committee write regularly for Mercury: Since 1990 Joseph S. Tenn has been writing a series of biographical articles on the astronomers honored with the ASP's highest award, the Catherine Wolfe Bruce gold medal. See <http://yorty.sonoma.edu/people/faculty/tenn/BM.html>. Katherine Bracher has been writing Echoes of the Past, a series which usually discusses articles which appeared in the PASP 50 or 100 years ago.

Fee: None

### Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics (CSHPM/CSHPM)

Founded: 1974 Members: ca. 140

President: Tom Archibald, Dept. of Mathematics, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, CANADA B0P 1X0, E-mail: tom.archibald@acadiu.ca

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Meetings: Annual Meeting, every June as part of the Canadian Learned Societies Conference

Publications: Proceedings of the CSHPM Annual Meetings; CSHPM Newsletter; distributes also the History and Pedagogy of Mathematics Newsletter to its members; subscriptions to the journals *Historia Mathematica* and *Philosophia Mathematica* are available to members at reduced rates.

Fee: \$25 Canadian, \$22 US per year

### Förderverein der Rempliner Sternwarte

Gegründet: 1991 Mitglieder: ca. 20

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Treffen: jährlich in Remplin

Andere Aktivitäten: Wiederaufbau der Sternwarte des Grafen Friedrich von Hahn  
Mitgliedsbeitrag: 20 DM/Jahr

## News from IAU Commission 41 - History of astronomy

### 1. New President and Vice-President

President: Prof S M R Ansari, Physics Dpt, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh UP 202 002, 5100 India, Phone: 91 571 401 001,

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### 2. Resolutions concerning history of astronomy adopted by the XXII and General Assembly of the IAU, The Hague, The Netherlands, August 15-27, 1994

Resolution No. B2 on Funding the Archival Organization of the International Astronomical Union

proposed by Commission 41

The XXIIInd General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union

Noting that the International Astronomical Union allocated funds for preparation of the "History of the IAU" by Prof. Blaauw, not all of which has been spent,

Suggests to the Executive Committee that these remaining funds be used for the archival organisation and cataloguing of the early IAU files in preparation for depositing them in a suitable archive.

Resolution No. B10 on the Preservation of Astronomical Relics

proposed by Commission 41

The XXIIInd General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union

Considering the scientific, historical and practical importance of the measurement of the arc of meridian made by F.G.W. Struve, Urges the Executive Committee of the IAU to approach the governments of the following countries: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland and Moldavia, which still possess relics of that enterprise, with a view to taking all possible steps to preserve those relics, including an approach to UNESCO to declare them to be world-heritage sites.

### 3. Resolution adopted by Commission 41 at the XXII Assembly of the IAU

Resolution C4 on Search for and Inventory of Existing Archives

Commission 41

Noting that Prof. Blaauw's recent "History of the IAU" shows the great value of astronomical archives,

Encourages search for and inventory for all archives related to the history of the IAU, to be undertaken by members at their home institutions and other places and reported to Commission 41.

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For more information about Comm. 41 at the IAU GA 1994 see: S. Débarbat: Commission 41 at The Hague General Assembly of the IAU. In: *J. Hist. Astron.* 26 (1995) 1, p. 90-91

## A New Working Group for the History of Astronomy

By Alina Eremeeva, Moscow

The Eurasian (formerly, Soviet) Astronomical Society was founded in the spring of 1990. Its Working Group for the History of Astronomy has been established during the EAAS Council Board meeting on May 31, 1994, in Moscow.

Aims of the working group are:

- Organizing scientific meetings,
- Exchanging information about publications and activities in the field of the history of astronomy with other similar groups,
- Undertaking joint projects.

The working group is open for all who are interested in the history of astronomy and ready to contribute to the group programs fulfilling.

The Conference "Astronomers, Astronomy and the World War II" in April 1995 at Pulkovo (*cf. Mitt. Nr. 5*) is being organized on the initiative of this working group. This conference is really the first big action of the group. Besides, we plan to organize workshops, round tables, etc. on different topics concerning history of astronomy, such as social problems in the history of astronomy, the question of the astronomical picture of the Universe and its evolution, astronomy of different ages and peoples, etc.

We are highly interested in establishing and maintaining contacts with all persons/groups interested in history of astronomy.

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