

FRENCH-ARMENIAN ASTRONOMICAL COLLOQUIUM

The first Colloquium between French and Armenian astronomers in frame of collaboration between astronomers of both countries took place on September 29 - October 4, 1995 in Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia.

The purpose of the meeting first of all was to discuss the main topics of researches of astronomers in both countries to promote further effective collaboration between them. This was the reason that the subject of the Colloquium was very wide including the results of various kind of investigations from stars to galaxies and galaxy systems. Some of reports were reviews of own works of the authors.

Welcome speeches were held by academician Victor Ambartsumian, by the president of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences, academician Fadey Sarkissian and by the Ambassador of France in Armenia M-me France d'Harting.

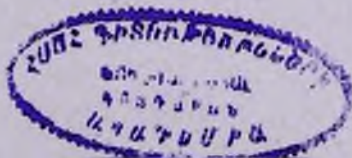
The present issue of "Astrofizika" is devoted to the reports given at the Colloquium. The articles are arranged according to the programme of the Colloquium. The posters are collected at the end of the issue.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

This is to welcome all participants of the French-Armenian Colloquium on Astrophysics. It is difficult to imagine any other scientific discipline which is in larger degree connected with the international cooperation. In this final decade of our century the significance of such cooperation has increased enormously. New ideas and new conceptions are propagating from one country to another with enormous speed which accelerates the progress of astronomy very strongly.

I wish to all of you successful work and good health.

Victor Ambartsumian

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