

PART III
RAPPORTS ET COMPTES RENDUS

3. COMMISSION DES NOTATIONS, DES UNITES ET DE L'ECONOMIE DES PUBLICATIONS

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Report of meeting

ACTING PRESIDENT: Prof. B. STRÖMGREN.

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The Commission met on 5 September. As the Commission had no President, the chair was taken by the General Secretary, Prof. Strömgren. He explained that the Executive Committee had discussed the future of the Commission and had tentatively suggested that it should become a sub-committee of Commission 5.

After discussion, it was generally agreed that the aims of the Commission could best be accomplished by continuance as a separate Commission, especially as most of its work should be done between meetings, and that the Executive Committee should be informed accordingly.

There was a general recognition of the difficulty of the work of the Commission, but it was considered necessary that active steps should be taken to keep in touch with newly developed subjects and to correlate the notations in different fields.

Although there was some support for the resolution of the Australian National Committee (*Draft Reports*, vol. II, p. xv) that three-letter abbreviations should be used exclusively for constellation names, it was finally agreed that the wording of the present recommendation, giving a limited amount of choice to users, was adequate. Arising from this, the use of popular names and transliterations for constellation names was generally deplored and it was agreed to recommend that, where such use was considered necessary, they should be given in brackets after the latin name or abbreviation.

The attention of the Commission was drawn to Section 2 of the Appendix of the report of Commission 40, regarding the designation of discrete sources in radio-astronomy (*Draft Reports*, vol. II, p. 56). It was agreed that Commission 40 should be advised to consult with Commission 24 on this question.