

## 6. COMMISSION DES TELEGRAMMES ASTRONOMIQUES

### Report of Meeting, 23 August 1967

ACTING PRESIDENT: F.L. Whipple.

SECRETARY: O.J. Gingerich.

The Acting President regretted that his unanticipated role as chairman had been brought about by the untimely death of the President, Dr A.R. Hogg, on 31 March 1966.

There being no corrections to the Draft Report, it was accepted without change.

Dr *Gingerich* formally announced his resignation from the Directorship of the Central Bureau and also from the Commission. The meeting expressed its appreciation to him for his services to the Bureau and his efficient handling of the move from Copenhagen to Cambridge. Dr Marsden will be the new Director, and Dr *Gingerich* agreed to act as an Associate Director.

The Acting President suggested that in view of the small size of the Commission, an Organizing Committee was no longer necessary. The Commission concurred.

The Commission discussed briefly the advantages of collecting combined fees for the telegrams and circulars on a yearly basis, and decided to leave the matter in the hands of Dr Marsden.

The Commission resolved as follows:

Because of the current financial situation of the IAU, and especially in view of the impassioned plea of the General Secretary for all possible economies, Commission 6 has voted to request only the usual \$ 667 per annum for the support of the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams and not the higher sum of \$1000 per annum mentioned in the Draft Reports.

On the other hand, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory is at present subsidizing at least half of the actual cost of operating the Central Bureau, excluding the actual telegram expenses. To ease this load partially, Commission 6 recommends that the subscription rates to the IAU Circulars be increased by 20%.

(The support was reduced to \$533 per annum: see the report of the Finance Committee.)