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Due to the fact that IAU Colloquium No. 112 on "Light Pollution, Radio Interference and Space Debris" was scheduled immediately following the General Assembly the activities of Commission 50 at the Baltimore meeting were somewhat restricted. Reports on site surveys in Tibet and Anatolia were presented by Drs. Shou-Guan Wang and Zeki Aslan, respectively. Furthermore two panel discussions focussing on problems in radio astronomy were held. The first of these, which was moderated by V. Pankonin, dealt with interference in radio astronomy. Panelists included B. Robinson (Australia), J. Galt (Canada), L. Bottinelli (France), G. Swarup (India), T. Spoelstra (The Netherlands), R. Booth (Sweden), J. Ponsenby (United Kingdom) and M. Davis (U.S.A.). Each participant discussed the major interference problems in their countries. From a global perspective problems caused by transmissions from the GLONASS Satellite System seemed to be the most serious. A second panel discussion dealt with radio astronomy and CCIR, WARC's and the ITU. This panel discussion was moderated by V. Pankonin. A.R. Thompson discussed CCIR, T. Gergely WARC's, and J. Findlay and B. Robinson spoke about IUCAF. Each panelist discussed the interaction of their organization/country with CCIR and WARC's.

At the Baltimore meeting Dr. David Crawford (U.S.A.) was elected as the new President, and Dr. Paul Murdin (United Kingdom) was elected Vice-President of the Commission.