

**PART IV**  
**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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*July 17, 1935, 10.00*

The General Assembly met at the Centre Marcelin Berthelot at 10.00 on Wednesday, July 17, Prof. Schlesinger, President, in the chair.

Replies to the telegrams sent on behalf of the General Assembly were read.

The President said that it was with great pleasure that he announced the adhesion of Yugo-Slavia to the Union.

The list of those nominated by the Executive Committee to serve on the Executive Committee for the next three years was read by the President.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read by Sir Frank Dyson:

### *Report of the Finance Committee*

The accounts of the General Secretary for the years 1932, 1933, 1934 have been audited by Miss Vinter Hansen, Prof. Danjon and Prof. Chant, who have submitted the following report:

In auditing the accounts for the past three years we have examined the vouchers for expenditure, the bank-books and other related documents, and we have found the statements drawn up by the General Secretary to be correct. The balance carried forward from 1934 December was £2617. 3s. 4½d., but, as already pointed out by the Executive Committee in their report, this is much in excess of the effective balance, since various sums have been allotted by the Union.

We should like again to draw attention to the fact that several countries are some years in arrears in their subscription.

Our thanks are due to Professor Stratton for giving us all the assistance we desired.

*(Signed)* JULIE M. VINTER HANSEN.  
A. DANJON.  
C. A. CHANT.

The Finance Committee had before them the following applications for grants approved by the Executive Committee for submission to the General Assembly:

ANNUAL GRANTS						<i>Gold Francs</i>
Commission	6	Bureau des Télégrammes ... ..	...	...	...	1,200
,,	11	Cartes Synoptiques (Paris-Meudon)	...	...	...	3,000
,,	11	Immagini Spettroscopiche (Arcetri)	...	...	...	1,500
,,	19	Bureau de la Variation des Latitudes	...	...	...	2,500
,,	27	Ephemerides of Eclipsing Binaries	...	...	...	800
,,	31	Bureau de l'Heure...	...	...	...	8,000
Bureau de l'Union		... ..	...	...	...	6,000
						23,000

## SPECIAL GRANTS

					<i>Gold Francs</i>
Commission	3	Liste Supplémentaire des Observatoires	...	...	500
,,	5	Bibliographie Mensuelle	...	...	1,500
,,	18	Longitudes Mondiales	...	...	10,000
,,	27	Publication des Listes de M. Nijland	...	...	300
,,	34	Orbit of Eros	...	...	1,500
					13,800
					13,800

An annual expenditure of about 28,000 francs had to be budgeted for, and with about 100 units available from the different countries the unit of subscription was fixed at 300 gold francs.

### RESOLUTION

“The Finance Committee, by the unanimous vote of 18 countries represented, agreed to recommend for the years until the next meeting a unit of subscription of 300 gold francs.”

F. W. DYSON,

*Chairman of the Finance Committee.*

The adoption of the Report was moved by Sir Frank Dyson and carried *nem. con.*

Prof. Strömngren read the resolutions adopted by Commission 3. Prof. Russell said that it should be made clear that the list of notations had not been finally adopted but was suggested for consideration during the next three years. Their object was to work towards a list for final use generally. The President said that that implied that the list would be published as an appendix to the Report and the Secretary would make it clear that the list had not yet been presented to and approved by the General Assembly.

Prof. Strömngren also read the resolution on the nomenclature for time that had been adopted by the Joint Meeting of Commissions 3 and 4.

The resolutions submitted by Prof. Strömngren were approved.

Dr Comrie presented the report and resolutions of Commission 4. These were adopted.

Prof. Stroobant presented the report of Commission 5 and noted that the grant asked for by the Commission had been already approved by the General Assembly. The report was adopted.

Prof. Strömngren in presenting the report of Commission 6 stated that a modified cipher code had been agreed upon to be brought into action on January 1, 1936. The report was adopted.

Dr J. Jackson presented the resolution drawn up at a joint meeting of Commissions 4, 8 and 20. This was adopted.

Prof. C. Fabry stated that no resolutions had been submitted by Commission 9. He moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

In the absence of Prof. Brunner Father Rodés moved the adoption of the report of Commission 10 and of such resolutions as had not already been approved. These were agreed to.

M. d'Azambuja moved the adoption of the report of Commission 11 and of the resolutions passed by the Commission. Prof. Abetti asked about the observations made at Zô-Sè. M. d'Azambuja explained that the matter referred to was in the report. The report and resolutions were adopted.

Prof. Abetti presented the report of Commission 12. There were no resolutions. The report was adopted.

Prof. Stratton explained that the report of Commission 13 was devoted to eclipse plans and preparations. There were no resolutions. The report was approved.

Prof. Fowler expressed regret that owing to pressure of work at the secretariat the resolutions of Commission 14 had not been made available to members. He read the resolutions, which were adopted.

Mr Phillips said that no resolutions calling for endorsement were submitted by Commission 16. The report was adopted.

Sir Frank Dyson presented the final report of Commission 17 on Lunar Nomenclature and referred to the publication of the list of "Named Lunar Formations" by Miss Blagg and Dr Müller and of the accompanying map of the moon. The thanks of the General Assembly were due to them for their devoted work. The report was agreed to.

The President said that the future of the Lunar Commission had been referred to the Executive Committee. They had decided to establish a Commission on the Moon which among other duties would, when necessary, deal with any question of nomenclature.

General Perrier presented the resolutions submitted by Commission 18. These were adopted.

Mr W. D. Lambert in presenting the resolutions from Commission 19 pointed out a slight error in the first resolution as circulated. In the resolution calling for a further latitude station in the southern hemisphere the words "if possible" should be understood.

The President said that they would all be happy that the Commission had recognized the sterling services of Dr Kimura. It was as long ago as 1898 that he had first met him at an international gathering along with Dr Tanakadate, whom they had been glad to welcome amongst them. Dr Tanakadate on behalf of Dr Kimura said that they appreciated very much the courtesy extended to them for the small piece of work that they had done.

The resolutions from Commission 19 were approved.

Prof. Leuschner in moving the resolutions from Commission 20 referred especially to the one changing its title to "Commission des Positions et Mouvements des Petites Planètes, Comètes et Satellites". A sub-committee had been established, charged with the work on cometary orbits.

The President pointed out that it was important to establish that the personnel of sub-committees should not be adopted by Commissions but referred to the Committee on Personnel.

The recommendations of Commission 20 were approved.

In presenting the resolutions of Commission 22 Mr De Roy referred to the importance of determining whether the metallic dust referred to in the third resolution was of meteoric origin. The resolutions were agreed to.

M. Esclançon in moving the adoption of the report of Commission 23 expressed regret that the financial resolution had not been approved by the Executive Committee. The President explained that it was only after consultation with M. Esclançon and with his consent that the item referred to by him had been struck out by the Executive Committee. The balance in hand earmarked for the Commission had first to be expended and it seemed that no further grants would be needed for the next three years. The Executive Committee, however, wished for authority to provide a further sum, if required, which would enable six volumes at most to be published during that interval. The sum thus asked for was estimated at £300. Prof. Shapley asked if these six volumes would be printed in the next three years and the President pointed out that there was in hand already enough money for four volumes and that there would be no need to exercise the authority asked for unless a fifth volume was published. Prof. Shapley said that the reserve fund might be wanted for other work. The President said that there was a large fund in reserve and that if there was no objection he would take it that the Executive Committee had the authority suggested. The other resolutions of Commission 23 were approved.

Prof. Mitchell in presenting the report of Commission 24 expressed his pleasure that 24 out of 25 observatories had sent in reports on the work they were doing. There were no resolutions submitted and no grants were asked for. The report was approved.

Prof. Bergstrand said that the same remarks applied to the report of Commission 25, which was adopted.

Prof. Hertzsprung stated that Commission 26 had discussed with great satisfaction the work done in the field of double-star astronomy in the last three years. No money was required by the Commission. Its report was adopted.

Prof. Nijland said the recommendations of Commission 27 were of a financial nature and had been adopted save for the grant for the printing of M. Grouiller's list. That, he understood, was in view of an offer of Prof. Banachiewicz to print the list in the *Acta Astronomica*. The report was adopted.

Prof. Shapley stated that Commission 28 had no recommendations to make. The report was adopted.

Prof. Russell in presenting the recommendations of Commission 29 wished to withdraw the individual names of a sub-committee, which had been adopted in error. The Commission recommended that two sub-committees be renewed and that an opportunity be offered of adding a minority report. They also recommended a new sub-committee on "Novae". The report was adopted.

Prof. J. S. Plaskett stated that Commission 30 had no resolutions to submit and asked for no grants. The report of the Commission was approved.

Prof. Nörlund moved the adoption of the report of Commission 31 as printed and of certain resolutions. These were approved.

Prof. van Rhijn stated that no resolutions were submitted by Commission 32. The report was adopted.

Prof. Lindblad presented several resolutions from Commission 33. These were adopted along with the report of the Commission.

Dr Spencer Jones read the resolutions submitted by Commission 34. The President said that Eros at its next opposition would come under Dr Brouwer's plan. If no one else answered the Commission's appeal, they would certainly do so at Yale. The report and resolutions were approved.

Prof. Russell in Sir Arthur Eddington's absence stated that no action by the Union was asked for by Commission 35 and no grant was applied for. The report was adopted.

Dr Minnaert reported at Prof. Plaskett's request that Commission 36 had discussed various problems. They had agreed that a platinum reducer with details of its transmission should be exchanged among the different co-operating observers. The report was adopted and the General Assembly adjourned to a final meeting later in the day.