

## EDITORIAL NOTES

This Proceedings volume presents the substance of the lectures, papers and discussions held or given during IAU Symposium 106, "The Milky Way Galaxy". It contains the full text of 43 Reviews and Invited Papers, which together form the backbone of this book. Some of these papers have been condensed, others extended by the authors; thus, their length varies greatly. The book further contains extended Abstracts (usually two pages each) for 81 Contributed Papers; some of these had been presented orally, but the majority were displayed as posters during the Symposium.

The order of papers in this volume is not fully chronological, but follows a more logical pattern. The chronological order may be more or less reconstructed from the title pages of individual sections.

Most of the oral presentations at the Symposium were followed by discussions. These were partly recorded by participants on sheets handed out during the meeting. However, the bulk of the discussions was transcribed by the senior Editor from tape recordings. In making the transcript, he was assisted by the discussion log kept by young astronomers from Groningen and Leiden. Discussions thus reconstructed were edited and submitted to the speakers for approval or modification. Hence, the discussions as printed here represent an edited version - sometimes condensed, sometimes extended and clarified - of what was actually said.

A book containing 124 papers, each beginning on a right-hand page, tends to have a large number of blank pages. We have used most of this space for photographs taken during or between sessions, during the excursion or at the conference dinner. Thus, this volume commemorating the centenary of the Kapteyn Institute is illustrated with historical photographs showing the Symposium at work and the people who made the Symposium a success. The photographs are individually credited to the Centrale Fotodienst of Groningen University (CFD), to Loek Zuyderduin of Leiden Observatory (LZ), or to Seth Shostak (GSS). We thank the photographers for their excellent contribution to these Proceedings.

In our editorial work, we have been ably assisted by the secretaries at Groningen and Leiden: Joke Nunnink, Marijke van der Laan, Gineke Alberts, Ineke Rouwé and Hilda Mulder; Wanda van Grieken and Lena Cijntje, and also by Wim Brokaar, photographer at Leiden Observatory. The indexes were compiled by Remo Tilanus, Bart Wakker and Janet Sellwood. We thank Janet in particular for her large share in the final stages of the work.

We regret and apologize for the serious delays in our work, caused largely by illness.

We thank Dr. G. Lyngå of Lund Observatory for permission to reproduce the Lund Chart of the Milky Way on the dust jacket and on the Symposium poster.

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