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EDITORIAL NOTE

Business Meeting of Commission 27 at the XXI IAU General Assembly resolved unanimously to set up an Editorial Board to assist Konkoly Observatory with the publication of Information Bulletin on Variable Stars. Members are L.A. Balona, M. Breger, M. de Groot, D.S. Hall, R. Koch, J.-M. Le Contel, J.R. Percy, M. Rodono, J. Smak, N. Samus, C. Sterken (Chairman), and the co-editors: L. Szabados, K. Oláh. The board will help the Editors in further raise the quality of the Bulletin, specifically by introducing a stricter refereeing policy.

Despite the growth of the bulletin, the financial support from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences through Konkoly Observatory is expected to decrease in real terms by 50 % already in 1992. At its first meeting (November 13, 1991, at the Astronomical Institute in Vienna) the Board discussed various possibilities to raise financing. To solve the immediate financial problem, the Board decided with regret that the previous policy of free subscriptions cannot be maintained. Starting 1992, the regular distribution of IBVS will be put on a subscription basis. The annual fee will be 500 Belgian Francs for 1992, or 1000 Francs for 1992 and 1993. Limited number of back issues from No. 2000 on are available on request at half price.

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