

WORKING GROUP ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF GROUND-BASED ASTROMETRY

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The working group FDGBA was founded in 2000 and renewed during the last IAU GA (Sydney, July 2003). The website is still active, as <http://www.astro.ro/wg.html>

Its first meeting was held on 21 July, 16h00-17h30, after a report was presented on July 17, during the Scientific meeting of Division 1, 14h00-15h30 .

Magda Stavinschi chaired the meeting, expressing the regret that Jean Kovalevsky was not able to attend Sydney. She did a short report, the main one (J. Kovalevsky, M. Stavinschi) being exposed on July 17, during the Scientific meeting of Division 1, 14h00-15h30. She also presented the actual status of the international campaign PHEMU, Mutual phenomena of Jovian satellites, chaired by Jean-Eudes Arlot (IMCCE).

The next speaker was George Gontcharov (Pulkovo Observatory) who talked about Ground-based monitoring of astrometric binaries (GMAB). William Thuillot (IMCCE) introduced Dedicated astrometric network for the follow-up of GAIA.

The last presentation was that of Gennady Pinigin (Nikolaev Observatory) who talked about another important program concerning the Radiosources optical counterparts.

There were some comments about every program presented, including some questions and proposal, as: the VLBI could take part to this WG?, the relation with the space mission (it concerns the program "Before GAIA"), or the educational program for astrometry.

The meeting ended with some concrete proposals: - to conceive a new web site of the WG (including some details); - to organize a new meeting in 2004; - to prepare a school for astrometry.

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