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February 23, 1984

Dr. B. Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
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Hungary

Dear Dr. Szeidl:

Since I will be in Hungary in the latter part of March I would like to use the opportunity to make a courtessey call on you. It will probably be about March 25, but I will call you in advance.

Looking forward to see you,

Sincerely yours

G.A. Bakos

July 8, 1985

Dr. Gustav A. Bakos
University of Waterloo
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Dear Gustav,

My answer to your letter dated on 26 February must have gone astray. Enclosed you find a copy of the copy. You can use both telescopes, but I would like to ask you to let me know your need before the middle of August. The telescope times for September and October will be distributed before 20 August. As far as I know we do not have strip chart records in running condition. Otherwise everything is O.K. of course, we provide you accommodation in the observatory.

We look forward to your visit,

Sincerely yours

Béla Szeidl

University of Waterloo



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Telex Number
069-55259

June 10, 1985

Dr. Bela Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Budapest-Szabadsaghegy
Hungary

Dear Bela:

On the 26th of February I have written to you inquiring about observing time in Budapest later this year. Since I have not received a reply I assume that my letter got lost. Therefore I would like to repeat my request. I would like to spend about a month, starting in October - exact dates still open- with one of the telescopes, which is in a reasonably good shape doing photoelectric photometry. I would bring my own instruments, however I will need a high voltage power supply and a strip chart recorder, if available. If they are not available, there is no problem, just have to know what to take with me. I suppose I can count of having the guest room available for that period of time.

Hopefully, viszontlátásra

Sincerely yours

Gusti

Gustav A. Bakos

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HUNGARY

September 9, 1985

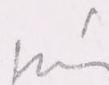
Dr. Gustav A. Bakos
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Dear Gustav:

Thanks for your letter of August 6. We drew up the schedule of the telescope users for September and October. Since we expect you around the middle of October we assigned to you the 1 m telescope from 21 to 24 Oct. and the 50 cm telescope from 28 Oct. to 4 Nov. Then you will see which telescope can be used in your program and you can observe with it for another week in the first half of November.

We look forward to seeing you in Budapest.

Sincerely yours



Béla Szeidl

University of Waterloo



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August 6, 1985

Dr. Béla Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
1525 Budapest XII
Box 67
Hungary

Dear Béla:

This is to inform you that your letter of July 8 has indeed reached me. Thanks for the information enclosed. I would be quite happy to be assigned the 20-inch telescope, since my program includes many bright stars. If the data are printed that is good enough for me. The time of my arrival is before October 15 and I would like to stay for about one month. However I am flexible, if different time would be more convenient for you. I will be coming alone and the accomodation offer is gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely yours

Gus

Gustav A. Bakos

April 9, 1985

Dr. Gustav A. Bakos
University of Waterloo
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Department of Physics
Waterloo, Ont.
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Dear Gustav:

Sorry, we could not meet last fall. I was just abroad, while your visiting at our observatory.

We were pleased to learn that you would come to us next fall to make some observations. As you know we have a 20 and a 40 inch reflector both equipped with standard UBV photometers. The photometers at both telescopes are controlled by microprocessors in combination with CAMAC moduls. Data can be printed out or stored on disc. The time data are available on digital display with a resolution of 1 sec and in BCD-code with a resolution of 0.001 sec, and it can be read out through the CAMAC real time interfaces.

I would like to ask you to let me know the date of your coming and the telescope time you require before 15 August.

At present I do not know whether the guest house will be free or not, but if you come alone we can provide accommodation in the observatory without any difficulty.

We look forward to your coming,

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Béla Szeidl

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Telex Number
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February 26, 1985

Dr. Béla Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Budapest - Szabadsághegy
Hungary

Dear Béla:

Sorry, I mist you last fall while visiting at the Observatory. However, your staff took a good care of me for which I am very grateful.

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of spending a few weeks at the Observatory next September. I would like to make some photoelectric observations using one of the telescopes. I could bring my own equipment so that I need just an operational telescope and good weather. Nevertheless I would like to know what kind of equipment is available (type of photomultiplier, high voltage power supply, strip chart recorder). Also I would like to know whether your guest room would be available for me.

Expecting your favourable reply I am

Sincerely yours

Gus

Gustav A. Bakos

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Telex Number
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June 9, 1987

Dr. Béla Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
Budapest XII, Box 67
Hungary, 1525

Dear Béla:

This is to inform you, that I have not been successful in securing a support for your forthcoming trip to Waterloo. However, I do have some funds available for your trip, as discussed earlier. I also talked to Fernie and he would welcome you to DDO and promised a support of about \$ 500.00.

Since I have to order the airline ticket in advance, I would like to know a firm date for your coming. If it is late November or early December, then we can discuss it in Budapest. I will be attending the Prague meeting in August and I would like to spend three weeks observing at Piszkesteto. As things look now, my wife will be coming with me. The other problem may be your visa. You need a working permit, which I have to initiate soon. In addition we have to think of a program you would like to do in Waterloo. Your appointment will be a visiting professorship. As for the program if you have observations of a variable that need to be reduced, it can be done here. A calculator will be at your disposal.

There may be a postal strike in Canada but I hope some mail will get through.

Sincerely yours

Gus

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January 25, 1988

Dr. Bela Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
Budapest XII, Box 67
1525, Hungary.

Dear Béla,

This is to inform you that I would like to come to Budapest sometime in the last week of March for an about three week stay. I would like to do some observing at Piszkestető. If it is not too late to schedule me for observing, I would appreciate it. Incidentally, my wife would enjoy visiting Budapest, so two of us may be coming. The suggested time is flexible except that I have to be back home by the end of April. I am going to bring the SAO star charts. If there is anything else you may need, let me know.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

Gustav A. Bakos

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Telex Number
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May 16, 1986

Dr. Béla Szeidl
Konkoly Observatory
1525 Budapest XII
Box 67
Hungary

Dear Bela:

Sorry for being late to say thanks for making my stay in Budapest so pleasant the last time. At that time we agreed that you would like to visit Canada for about one month. For that purpose I would like to get some support from NSERC and I need you to complete and return to me the Part B of the enclosed form. The purpose of the trip would be to work on a common research program, on some kind of variable here in Waterloo. It could be a photometric, spectroscopic or both projects. I have some observations of HR 2989, a fast variable observed by Percy, but you can choose your own star. Besides, if you come in winter, you may be clouded out. In other planned activities you should have a seminar ready to talk about at our Department, DDO, DAO or any other place you like to go.

The deadline to have this form submitted is September, so there is enough time to talk it over. I will be going to Skalnate Pleso in the fall and I would like to spend some time at your place as well. The details may then be talked over.

On another subject: Would you accept a paper for publication in the Mitteilungen? I worked on it while I was in Budapest the last time and I like to show that I was doing something while in residence. It is the spectroscopy and photometry of Epsilon Hya.

If you have some questions or like to discuss some matters with me don't hesitate to write.

With kind regards

Gustav A. Bakos

University of Waterloo



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July 16, 1986

Dr. Bela Szeidl
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Hungary

Dear Bela:

Some time ago I mailed you a copy of an NSERC application form for a travel grant. To date I have not received it. Since in about one month I will be leaving for Czechoslovakia I wonder whether there will be enough time to act on it now. After my stay at Skalnaté Pleso I would like to visit your place for about three weeks. I hope you can accommodate me and perhaps schedule me for some observing either in Budapest or in Matra. At that time we could discuss your plans for visit to our place.

Sincerely yours

Gustav A. Bakos

1986.julius 28.

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Kedves Guszti!

Elnézést kérek a késedelmes válaszáért kedves leveledre.
A tavalyi beszélgetés után azt reméltem, hogy gyermekeiddel
augusztusban is Magyarországra látogatsz.

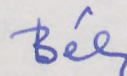
Nagyon köszönöm, hogy esetleg sikerül Nálad dolgoznom.
Az űrlapot kitöltve mellékelten visszaküldöm, azzal a meg-
jegyzéssel, hogy valójában a szabadságom idején szeretnék
kinnt lenni. A részletesebb programot még megbeszélhetjük
később is.

Nagyon örülünk, hogy szlovákiai látogatásod során ben-
nünket is utba ejtesz, vendégszobát mindenképpen tudunk biz-
tosítani.

A Mitteilungen /vagy ahogy angolokra irtuk Communications/
természetesen nyitott minden olyan munka számára, ami részben
vagy egészben Magyarországon vagy külföldi kutató magyarorszá-
gi tartózkodása idején készült.

Mégegyszer köszönöm kiutazásom ügyében fáradozásaidat

Szívélyes üdvözléttel



Szeidl Béla

ASTRONOMICAL INSTITUTE

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

SENDAI, JAPAN

1 June, 1985

Dr. B. Szeidl, the director
Konkoly Observatory
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Box 67, 1525 Budapest
HUNGARY

Dear Dr. B. Szeidl, the director,

This 31st of May, an officer of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science informed me that the telex that the Hungarian Academy accepted my 82 day stay was arrived.

Because about one week is required for arranging documents, the Japan Society decided to send me to Copenhagen first and I plan to arrive at Budapest airport 1450 of 18th June by the flight SK745.

I wish to leave Hungary 21st of August for lectures provided in the end of August. I am sorry to reduce my stay in your country, but our 64 days will be useful for the progress of the astronomical investigation. Will you kindly allow me to use your library and a desk, if it is possible?

sincerely yours,

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Mine TAKEUTI

22 April 1985

Dr.Mine Takenti
Astronomical Institute
Tohoku University
Sendai, Japan

Dear Dr.Takenti,

Thank you for your letter dated on 10 April 1985. We are very glad that you will spend some time with us in Budapest. Although Dr.Kovacs will probably stay in USA for another year, I am sure that you will find some people here with whom you can carry on useful discussions.

Surely you won't have any problems with visa. Either in Tokio or in Budapest you will get it. I advice you to contact the LOC of Coll. 89 immediately for travel support. You may travel by train from Budapest to Copenhagen (about a one-day trip), it is not so expensive as by air.

We look forward to seeing you in Budapest

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Bela Szeidl

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SENDAI, JAPAN

10 April, 1985

Dr. B. Szeidl, the director
Konkoly Observatory
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Box 67, 1525 Budapest
HUNGARY

Dear Dr. B. Szeidl, the director,

I prepare to visit Hungary while the official reply has not reached to me. At present I wonder how I shall do about the attendance to IAU Colloquium No. 89 held at Copenhagen this June. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science does not permit my formal attendance unless my travel will be supported by some official organisation. On the other hand, an officer of the Hungarian Embassy told me that I can go out of Hungary in my holiday and the Consulate probably will give me a multiple visa.

I wish to contact to the LOC of Colloquium to support my Attendance, but it seems difficult to receive the travel fund for me. Anyway, I should arrive at Budapest the first of this June. I hope your advice about the problem.

sincerely yours,

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Mine TAKEUTI

ASTRONOMICAL INSTITUTE

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SENDAI, JAPAN

26 December, 1985

Dr. B. Szeidl

Konkoly Observatory

of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

1525 Budapest Box 67

HUNGARY

My dear Dr. B. Szeidl,

The aim of this letter is to inform you that the paper entitled,
"An Accretion Disc Surrounding a Component of Epsilon Aurigae",
has been accepted on September 1985, by the journal, "Astrophysics
and Space Science". I am reading its proofs.

The paper will remind me of your hospitality at Konkoly Observatory.

sincerely yours,

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Mine Takeuti

ASTRONOMICAL INSTITUTE

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SENDAI, JAPAN

12 September, 1985

Dr. B. Szeidl, the director
Konkoly Observatory
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Box 67, Budapest 1525
HUNGARY

My dear Dr. B. Szeidl,

Finished special lectures and attendance to a meeting, I am at Sendai this week. The summer season of Japan was very long and extremely warm this year. So I remembered frequently comfortable days and nights of Budapest. But now the autumn has come in our country.

The postal parcel and the letters addressed me have arrived this week. I have also received a letter from Dr. K. Oláh and her colleagues. I am very grateful for your kindness.

I wish to express my thanks for your kind hospitality during my long stay and hope further development of astronomical collaborations between Hungary and Japan.

with my best wishes and kind regards,

sincerely yours,

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Mine TAKEUTI

KONKOLY OBSERVATORY
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HUNGARY

3 March 1994

Prof. Mine Takeuti
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Sendai, Japan

Dear Professor Takeuti,

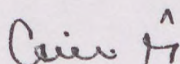
I am very glad that you visit us again. I hope that my colleagues can discuss some interesting astronomical problems with you and Professor Kitamura.

Please let me know if I can help in organizing your trip to Hungary.

I look forward to seeing you in Hungary.

With my best wishes,

yours sincerely,



Béla Szeidl

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HUNGARY

3 March 1994

Ref. MTL414

24 February, 1994

Professor Bela Szeidl, the director,
Konkoly Observatory,
Budapest,
H-1525 Budapest, Pf. 67
HUNGARY

Dear Professor Bela Szeidl, the director,

I am sorry that I have not had enough time to concentrate astronomical research. The reorganization of the faculty is now accepted by the government. The time of hard debate and struggle in documents looks ended. Then, it may be the time to refuel myself for further astronomical study. I sent an application to Baja for attending the meeting scheduled around the 1st of May.

From Japan, Professor M. Kitamura and two other persons have sent the application except for me. They hope to visit Konkoly Observatory at this occasion. I and my wife plan to go to the Observatory with them at the morning of 29 April, if it will not disturb you too much. I contact a Japanese travel agency to arrange the accommodation of such a group of Japanese.

I shall write you again in a few weeks.

sincerely yours,

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14 March, 1994

Professor Bela Szeidl, the director,
Konkoly Observatory,
Budapest,
H-1525 Budapest, XII., Box 67
HUNGARY

Dear Professor Bela Szeidl,

Thank you for your kind reply dated on 3 March 1994. I and my wife shall arrive at the Budapest Airport from Warsaw on 28th of April, but the flight is not confirmed yet. Professor Kitamura and others will arrive at Budapest by MA821 from Prague on the same day. We reserve rooms in Buda Penta Hotel near the South Railway Station one night for the Japanese group including I and my wife.

I may have some relaxed time after the Baja meeting. May I send another letter on our visit later?

I am looking forward to seeing you and your colleague soon.

sincerely yours,

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23 May, 1994

Professor Bela Szeidl, the director,
Konkoly Observatory,
Budapest,
H-1525 Budapest, Pf. 67
HUNGARY

Dear Professor Bela Szeidl, the director,

I am grateful to you for your kind hospitality in Hungary. The meeting at Baja looks interesting for the development of further collaboration in the field of variable study. And moreover, I enjoyed the scientific discussions with Drs. G. Kovács and M. Paparó in Budapest.

It is also worthy to write that Professor M. Kitamura and other Japanese are impressed the Hungarian hospitality. The weather was excellent during their stay, and Mr. T. Hegedüs was very kind host. It looks true that every Japanese can have sympathy with your country. I hope that this will develop the collaboration in variable star observation between Hungary and Japan.

sincerely yours,

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Ref. MTL8404

2 November, 1998

Dr. B. Szeidl,
Konkoly Observatory,
1525 Budapest XII. Box 67
HUNGARY

Dear Dr. Bela Szeidl,

You find the copy of my presentation for the proceedings of a Japanese workshop under the same cover.

The massive photometry is really important because it give us to use full information included in millions of pixels on the CCD frame. I work with the MOA group and watch the use of a conventional code, DoPHOT, for the study of stellar variability. Recently, we collected and read the paper of the flux difference photometry, and decided to recommend to study the new technique such as the algorithm of Allard and Lupton (1998). I can remember their talk at Paris this January. They presented excellent figures clearly indicated the usefulness of their technique. We can see their full paper now.

Unfortunately, I have no such a computer program in Japan until now. I will proceed discussion with Japanese colleagues on this point.

I have already sent a mail to Geza to know my interest on their paper.

with my best wishes,

sincerely yours,

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Mine Takeuti

Ref. MTL023

Astronomical Institute,
Tohoku University,
Aoba-ku, Sendai 980
Japan

26 October, 1990

Dr. B. Szeidl,
Konkoly Observatory
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
1525 Budapest XII.
P.O. 114, Box 67
HUNGARY

Dear Dr. B. Szeidl,

I am very glad to inform you that the Executive Committee of International Astronomical Union has approved the proposal on the colloquium "Nonlinear Phenomena in Stellar Variability" as IAU Colloquium No. 134. The L.O.C. has started the preparation of the colloquium. I am very grateful to you for your kind arrangement.

Concerning on this colloquium, I have to decide candidates for an IAU travel grant for the Mito Colloquium. It seems reasonable that one young person from eastern european countries should be invited. I hope you recommend me a good candidate. It should be mentioned that Dr. G. Kovacs will be invited as a reviewer by the L.O.C.. The total number of invited person has not fixed because the financial arrangement of L.O.C. is now proceeding. You will have more information on the colloquium in further letter.

Besides the colloquium, we have another news. I discussed on the development of Hungaro-Japan astronomical collaboration with Professor Ishida, who is the host for Dr. L. Balazs. The opinion of Professor Ishida is that the joint investigation should include the studies of variable stars. I am going to accept Dr. L. Balazs at the end of November in Sendai. It seems a chance to discuss the development of our collaboration.

with my best wishes,

sincerely yours,

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SENDAI, JAPAN

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20 September, 1988

The director, Dr. Bela Szeidl,
Konkoly Observatory,
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Box 67, 1525 Budapest,
HUNGARY

My dear Dr. Bela Szeidl,

In the letter dated on 15 August, I wrote about the possibility to invite a foreign astronomer as an associate professor of the Astronomical Institute. As communicated in a brief telex, the possibility becomes more realistic. In the present stage, I must write letters like this to few astronomers as a preparatory action for official call. Although it is better that the candidate works in the field of stellar pulsation, I can be interested in wide ranges of theoretical work of astronomy.

Sincerely yours,

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Mine TAKEUTI

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SENDAI, JAPAN

Ref. no. MTL810

Private information.

Astronomical Institute,
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Aoba, Aramaki,
Sendai 980 Japan

15 August, 1988

The director, Dr. Bela Szeidl,
Konkoly Observatory,
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Box 67, 1525 Budapest,
HUNGARY

My dear Dr. Bela Szeidl,

I write you for two items: one is about my visit to Poland scheduled next spring, and another is on the possibility of hungarian astronomers to stay Sendai as a research astronomer.

My proposal to visit Poland is accepted by Japan society for the Promotion of Science. Remaining procedure is the official nomination of Polish Academy of Sciences. In my proposal, I will arrive at Warsaw on 11 April of 1989 and will leave there on 4 May. I probably have a chance to go Budapest after completing my itinerary in Poland, i.e., I may arrive Budapest Airport on 4 May. I hope your arrangement in my stay on the ridge of Budapest Hills. The title of talk I wish to deliver is the problems on nonlinear model oscillator and hydrodynamic models of pulsating stars. I can introduce recent studies in the Institute of Sendai.

As a professor of Tohoku University, I have considered the associate professor of the Institute. It is a possibility to invite a foreign astronomer. The tenure is one year and a few months. He has the possibility to run a supercomputer of NEC and personal computers. I hope he give a lecture for under-graduate or post-graduated students over several weeks on some topics in astrophysics. The talk can be delivered in English. The duty can be reduced depend the situation. This is not any official call for application. I only wish to know the possibility in the astronomers working around you. If you have any good candidate, it is useful for me. Will you write me on my idea, please?

Sincerely yours,

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Mine TAKEUTI

Private information.

Probably you are enjoying the General Assembly. I stay Sendai this August in preparing a lecture note on nonlinear oscillation. Dr. Aikawa has left here for attend the Nebraska colloquium. Professor Kozai is now the director general of reorganized National Observatory of Japan, and I am being nominated as a member of the council. I am still troubled in the University Day Nurseries in Sendai. I am afraid you might be involved in the mountains of business.

Sincerely yours,

Y. A. T.

Y. A. T.

Ref. MTL026

Astronomical Institute,
Tohoku University,
Aoba-ku, Sendai 980
Japan

13 November, 1990

Dr. B. Szeidl,
Konkoly Observatory
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
1525 Budapest XII.
P.O. 114, Box 67
HUNGARY

Dear Dr. B. Szeidl,

Thank you very much for your immediate reply. It seems sure that the L.O.C. will invite Dr. G. Kovacs. Therefore I wish to accept your recommendation on Dr. Z. Kollath. In a correspondence Dr. J. Perdang also mentioned his name.

Will you kindly communicate to Dr. Z. Kollath that I am going to recommend him to I.A.U. General Secretary as the candidate for the I.A.U. travel grant? I shall send you the format of I.A.U. later.

I have to add that the L.O.C. is trying to increase their financial reserve. There is a possibility to invite more colleague from your observatory.

with my best wishes,

sincerely yours,

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Warszawa, April 4 1978

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Dear Professor Szeidl:

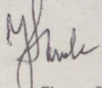
Thank you for your letter of March 22.

Concerning the date of your visit: most of us will be in Warsaw in the second half of June. Actually, the only person directly interested in your visit whom would not be able to meet you at that time is Dr. M. Jerzykiewicz. He will be in Warsaw until the end of May, then he will go abroad, and be back in Wrocław by July 1. But, clearly, I do not want to suggest that you re-adjust your plans to his, unless you are really interested in seeing him this time.

Otherwise, if you come in the second half of June, we would certainly arrange your trip to either Wrocław or Toruń, depending on your choice.

Looking forward to seeing you in Budapest and then in Warsaw, I remain,

Sincerely,


J. Smak

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Warszawa, February 17 1978

Professor B. Szeidl, Director
Konkoly Observatory
P.O.Box 67
Budapest XII
Hungary - Węgry

Dear Professor Szeidl:

I have the pleasure to invite you for a scientific visit to our Center sometime during this spring or this summer. The proposed duration of the visit would be one week and the precise date could be settled at your convenience.

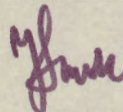
We would expect that during your stay here you could give us a lecture at our seminar and participate in working discussions on topics of our mutual interest.

Depending on your willingness we could also organize a trip to some other Polish astronomical center, presumably to Wrocław.

All your expenses within Poland will be covered by our Center. Unfortunately, we are unable to pay for international travel and we can only hope that you will be able to find travel support at home.

Looking forward to your visit,

Sincerely,



Professor J. Smak
Director of the Center



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Warszawa, February 17, 1978

Professor B. Szeidl
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Dear Professor Szeidl:

We would be very glad if you could pay us a visit sometime during the months to come. Enclosed you will find a formal invitation and I very much hope that you will be able to accept.

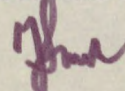
The construction of our new building is nearing its completion. The hotel-part is practically ready and our first visitors stay in it already. The main part - with offices, computing center, library, etc - should be completed within few weeks. As you know, our goal is to make it an international center, with visitors from various countries /as well as from other centers in Poland/ coming for shorter or longer stays to work, exchange ideas, etc.

In this context, I would like to extend our invitation for one Hungarian astronomer /subject to your choice/ to come to us for 4-6 weeks at any time this spring or summer. As you know, we have a small group of people - Dziembowski and others - who are doing theoretical work on stellar pulsations. This spring we expect to have with us Dr. Jerzykiewicz from Wrocław. There are good reasons to believe that there would be a mutual profit from a visit of someone from your group working on such subjects.

Would you, please, consider this and if you find it suitable and feasible - please let me know so that I can send a formal invitation to the person that you might propose.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,



J. Smak

*) We shall cover all expenses in Poland.

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September 23, 1978

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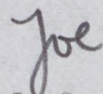
Dear Bela:

Thank you for your letter of September 8 and the details concerning your visit as well that of Miss Oláh.

Since there is usually more than one flight per day from Budapest to Warsaw, I would only appreciate if you could let me know the arrival hour or the flight number, once you get the reservation.

Many of us will be looking forward to your visit.

With very best regards,



J. Smak

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Warszawa, June 30 1978

Professor B. Szeidl
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Dear Bela:

I propose - and hope that you agree - to discard the very formal way of addressing that we have been using so far! In fact I feel that we should have done this long, long time ago!

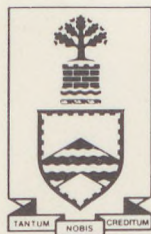
I have several items to discuss.

1. I understand your limitations and can see no problem with postponing your visit to Poland. We shall wait for you in the fall. It might even be better, since right now there would be relatively fewer people to meet with you and to listen to your colloquium.
2. I am enclosing a formal invitation for Miss Oláh.
3. With respect to the next Budapest Colloquium, I shall try to prepare a preliminary proposal and will mail it for your comments and approval.
4. Finally, I should like to ask you to publish in IBVS my information on preparations of the Commission 27 Report for 1976-78.

With very best regards,

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Joe
J. Smak



Erindale Campus

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November 30, 1989

Dr. Bela Szeidl
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Dear Bela,

The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) is organizing a major conference on the theme of "International Cooperation and Coordination in Variable Star Research", to be held from July 24 to 28, 1990, at the University of Brussels, Belgium. Further information about the conference is given on the accompanying page. This is the first AAVSO meeting to be held outside North America. It recognizes the increasing international activity and role of the AAVSO, both in terms of the source of its data and the diversity of its collaborative projects with astronomers from many parts of the world. The theme of the conference will be interpreted broadly, since most of the work of the AAVSO - and indeed much of modern variable star research - is collaborative in nature. We expect over 150 participants from many countries: both amateur and professional astronomers involved in planning, gathering, archiving, analyzing and interpreting observations of variable stars of all kinds.

As the chairman of the Scientific Organizing Committee, I am pleased to invite you to attend the conference, and present a paper on the organization and communication of variable star observations : the role of IAU Commission 27 and the IBVS, your views on the role of amateurs, etc.. Although we are not able to provide any financial support for your travel or local expenses, we will do whatever we can to assist you in obtaining support from your local sources. We plan to publish Proceedings of the conference, and to include all suitable invited papers.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend the conference and make a presentation there. We will then send you further information and be in touch with you regarding your presentation. Your participation in the conference would play a significant role in its success, and the SOC hopes very much that you will be able to take part in this exciting event.

We hope to see you in Brussels next July!

Yours sincerely,

John R. Percy
Chair : SOC
President: AAVSO

*I hope you are willing to
provide us with advice,
by serving on the S.O.C.*

AAVSO EUROPEAN MEETING - LIST OF SPEAKERS

Bateson, F.M.	New Zealand	RASNZ variable star work
Blecha, A.	Switzerland	High-precision CCD photom.
Boninsegna, R.	Belgium	GEOS variable star work
* Breger, M.	Austria	Short-period variables
* Cordova, F.	USA	Cataclysmic variables
* Evans, R.	Australia	Supernova searches
Genet, R.M.	USA	APT's
Grenon, M.	Switzerland	HIPPARCOS photometry
* Guinan, E.P.	USA	Eclipsing variables
* Hall, D.S.	USA	Co-ordination in P.E.P.
* Hazen, M.L.	USA	Population II variables or photographic photometry
Hurst, G.	UK	Nova searches
Isles, J.	Cyprus	BAA VSS data on Mira stars
* Kleinmann, S.	USA	Mira stars
La Dous, Constanze	USA	cataclysmic variables
Le Contel, J.M.	France	multi-channel P.E.P.
Longo, G.	Italy	mid-B-type variables
Manfroid, J.	Belgium	galaxy photometry
* Marsden, B.	USA	homogenization of P.E.P.
* Mattei, J.A.	USA	communication channels
Mennessier, M.-O.	France	co-ordinating observing
Page, A.A.	Australia	Analysis of Mira star data
* Percy, J.R.	Canada	multi-site observations
Proust, D.	France	flare-star observations
* Starrfield, S.	USA	variables and evolution
Sterken, C.	Belgium	X Ophiuchi
* Szeidl, B.	Hungary	novae
Turon, C.	France	BW Vulpeculae
* Wamsteker, W.	Spain	communication, IAU, IBVS
Williams, T.R.	USA	HIPPARCOS input catalogue
		amateur observers/space
		astronomy
		history

* longer/review papers (~ 30 min)

To: **Scientific Organizing Committee**
1990 AAVSO European Meeting

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the SOC. Above, I list the speakers who have been invited, and a much-too-brief mention of their topic. We need your advice on such topics as:

- (1) other possible speakers
- (2) how to attract more participants
- (3) how to organize the scientific sessions and the discussions
- (4) how to encourage the most useful interaction between the professional and amateur participants
- (5) how to obtain more financial support for the meeting in the form of travel grants for participants who need them
- (6) etc. etc.

John R. Percy

**** THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS (AAVSO) ****

The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO), is the largest organization of variable star observers worldwide with members in 42 countries. The purpose of the AAVSO is to coordinate variable star observations made largely by amateur astronomers, evaluate the accuracy of these observations, compile, process, and publish them, and make them available to professional astronomers. AAVSO Headquarters receives 260,000 observations yearly, 54% of which comes from observers outside of the USA. 5.9 million observations of variable stars have been compiled since the founding of the AAVSO in 1911. The AAVSO Visual Observing Program contains 3300 variable stars. Stars best suited for visual observations have amplitudes of variation more than one magnitude ($\Delta m \geq 1$). Therefore pulsating variables (long-period, semiregular, irregular, R Coronae Borealis, RV Tauri, Cepheid, RR Lyrae-types), eruptive variables (nova, dwarf nova, recurrent nova, nova-like, symbiotic types), nebular and flare stars, quasars with optical variability, and eclipsing binaries make up the visual observing program. The accuracy of the visual observations is between ± 0.2 and ± 0.4 magnitude and the limiting magnitude is 16.5. The AAVSO Photoelectric Observing Program contains 50 stars with amplitudes of variation less than one magnitude ($\Delta m < 1$). The accuracy of photoelectric observations is ± 0.008 magnitude. AAVSO finder charts are available for most stars in both Programs with the variables and comparison stars of known magnitudes identified.

20,000 to 25,000 observations are submitted to the AAVSO monthly by 550 observers worldwide. These observations are computerized and processed using AAVSO microcomputers and Digital VAX computers at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center For Astrophysics. 4.0 million observations from 1963 to the present are in computer-readable form on magnetic tapes, chronologically by star. Light curves of all program stars are kept up-to-date. AAVSO observations from 1911 to 1963 plus observations from European variable star astronomers between 1855 and 1911 are being computerized at AAVSO. When this project is completed, the AAVSO will have computer-readable variable star data files, of mostly large-amplitude stars, going back 100 years and more.

AAVSO services are sought by astronomers a) to receive real-time, up-to-date information on unusual stellar behavior; b) to assist scheduling and execution of variable star observing programs using earth-based large telescopes and instruments aboard satellites; c) to request simultaneous optical coverage of observing targets and immediate notification of their activity during earth-based or satellite observing programs; d) to correlate optical data with spectroscopic, photometric, polarimetric multi-wavelength data; e) to carry on collaborative long-term data analysis on the behavior of (particularly) large-amplitude variable stars.

Membership in the Association is open to anyone interested in variable stars and in supporting the work of the AAVSO. Dues contribute to the operation of the AAVSO and its services. Annual Membership Dues are: \$50.00 for Adult Members (aged 21 and over); \$100.00 for Sustaining Members (an extra contribution to the work of the AAVSO). Members receive subscriptions to the *Journal of the AAVSO* and the *Bulletin of the Annual Predictions of Maxima and Minima of Long Period Variables*, information on setting up an observing program, and other material sent throughout the year. In addition, interested members receive the monthly *AAVSO Solar Bulletin* and the *AAVSO Photoelectric Photometry Newsletter*. A membership application form is attached.

AAVSO services are available to astronomers and other researchers upon request. Please contact: Dr. Janet A. Mattei, Director, AAVSO
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TEL: (617) 354-0484

AAVSO 1990 EUROPEAN MEETING

"International Cooperation and Coordination in Variable Star Research"

July 24-28, 1990
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SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Michel Breger	Austria	Paul Melchior	Belgium
Camiel de Loore	Belgium	John Percy (Chair)	Canada
Robert Evans	Australia	Dominique Proust	France
Martha Hazen	USA	Chris Sterken	Belgium
David Kilkenney	South Africa	Bela Szeidl	Hungary
Janet Mattei	USA	Willem Wamsteker	Spain

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Ludwig Cluyse (Chair)

PROCEEDINGS CO-EDITORS:

Janet Mattei
John Percy
Chris Sterken

The program will consist of review, invited and contributed research papers and poster presentations. We expect that most contributed papers will be given as poster presentations, and adequate time and space will be set aside for these. There will also be discussion sessions related to the theme of the meeting. The invited review and research papers, and the discussions will be published in the Proceedings.

For information and correspondence about the scientific program, please write to: Dr. John Percy, Erindale Campus, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5L 1C6. Fax : (416) 828-5328. E-mail : PERCY@UTORPHYS.BITNET

For general meeting information and registration, please write to : Dr. Janet A. Mattei, AAVSO, 25 Birch Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 - 1205, USA.
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Bela: Can you
attend? We hope
so. Please let me
know. IF funds
are a problem, we
can certainly pay
your local costs.

Best wishes
John Perez

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Finally, what other papers, sessions, events etc. should we add to
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We look forward to your comments, and your participation in the
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To: Scientific Organizing Committee
AAVSO 1990 European Meeting

From: John R. Percy

Date: April 18, 1990

I want to bring you up to date on the plans for the meeting. You will all be receiving detailed meeting information very shortly, if not already.

First, I realize that some of you have not been asked to contribute to the planning in any substantial way. Your name has added lustre to the meeting, and we are grateful for this contribution!

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- Breger, Michel (Austria)
"Coordinated Studies of Short-Period Variables"
- Cordova, France (USA)*
"X-Ray Observations of Cataclysmic Variables"
- Cragg, T.A./Robert Evans (Australia)
"Searching for Supernovae"
- Drew, Janet (UK)
"UV Observations of Cataclysmic Variables"
- Guinan, Edward F. (USA)*
"Eclipsing Variables"
- Hall, Douglas S. (USA)
"Coordination in Photoelectric Programs"
- Hazen, Martha (USA)
"Photographic Photometry/Population II Variables"
- Kilkenny, David (South Africa)
"R CrB and Related Stars"
- Mattei, Janet A. (USA)
"Coordination of Visual Observing Programs"
- Mikolajewska, Joanna (Poland)
"Symbiotic Stars"
- Percy, John R. (Canada)
"Variable Stars and Stellar Evolution"
- Quercy, F.R. and M. (France)
"Red Variables"
- Starrfield, Sumner (USA)*
"Cataclysmic Variables"
- Szeidl, Bela (Hungary)*
"Communication and Coordination in Variable Star Astronomy"
- Viotti, Roberto (Italy)
"Hypergiant Variables"
- Wamsteker, Willem (Spain)*
"Amateur Astronomers and Space Astronomy"

* participation not yet confirmed

AAVSO 1990 EUROPEAN MEETING - LIST OF PAPERS/SPEAKERS

Baglin, Annie (France)
"Observations of Delta Scuti Stars" (or "Chaos")

Baldwin, Marvin E. (USA)
something on the AAVSO eclipsing binary program

Baliunas, Sallie (USA)*
"Automatic Photometric Telescopes" (invited review)

Baruch, John (UK)
something on robotic observatories

Bateson, Frank M. (New Zealand)
report on the work of the RASNZ VSS**

Bianchini, Antonio (Italy)
"Detecting Solar-Type Cycles in CV's"

Bohme, Dietmar (DDR)
1. NSV 01098: A New Bright Mira Star
2. Mu Cephei: A Very Interesting Star
3. The AKR - The East German Variable Star Observers Group**

Boistel, G. (Belgium)
"NSV 1776 Orion"

Boninsegna, Roland (Belgium)
1. "Results of GEOS Observing Programs"
2. general report on the work of GEOS**

Breger, Michel (Austria)
"Coordinated Studies of Short-Period Variables" (invited review)

Busarello, Giovanni (Italy)
"Off-Centering Errors in Multi-Aperture Photometry of Galaxies"

Coggins, John (UK)
TBA

Collins, Mike J. (UK)
TBA

Cordova, France (USA)*
"X-Ray Observations of Cataclysmic Variables" (invited review)

Cragg, T.A./Robert Evans (Australia)
"Searching for Supernovae" (invited review)

Cramer, Noel (Switzerland)
TBA

Drew, Janet (UK)
"UV Observations of Cataclysmic Variables" (invited review)

Feijth, Hendrik (Netherlands)
TBA

Fleet, Richard W. (UK)
TBA

Grenon, Michel (Switzerland)
"Photometry for the HIPPARCOS Project" (invited paper)

Guinan, Edward F. (USA)*
"Eclipsing Variables" (invited review)

Gunther, J. (France)
"Software for the Variable Star Observer"

Hall, Douglas S. (USA)
"Coordination in Photoelectric Programs" (invited review)

Hazen, Martha (USA)
"Photographic Photometry/Population II Variables" (invited rev.)

Iijima, T. (Italy)
TBA

Isles, John E. (UK)
"BAA VSS Research on Mira Stars" (invited paper)

Karovska, Margarita (USA)
1. "Diameter Measurement and Imaging of Mira Stars"
2. "International Coordinated Study of Mira Stars" (invited)

Kellomaki, Aare (Finland)
TBA

Kilkenny, David (South Africa)
"R CrB and Related Stars" (invited review)

Klitting, Ole (Denmark)
TBA

Korth, Stefan (FRG)
TBA

Kucinskas, Arunas (Lithuania)
TBA

La Dous, Constanze (USA)
"Boundary Conditions for Dwarf Nova Accretion Disc Models from Visual Observations" (invited paper)

Landis, Howard J. (USA)
something on AAVSO photoelectric photometry program

Lawson, W. (New Zealand)
something on R CrB stars

Le Contel, Jean-Michel (France)
1. "Multichannel Photometry for Amateur Groups" (invited)
2. "Multi-Longitude Observations of mid-B Variables"

Lipunova, N. (USSR)
TBA

Liu Zongli (China)
 "Coordinated Observations of Spica"

Longo, Giuseppe (Italy)
 "Extragalactic Photometry in the Transition Era from
 Photoelectric Photometry to CCD's" (invited paper)

Mahmoud, Farouk (Egypt)
 "The Same Interesting Phenomenon of the Flare Star V774 Her
 Has Again Been Detected"

Manfroid, J. (Belgium)
 "Homogenization of Photoelectric Photometry" (invited paper)

Mattei, Janet A. (USA)
 "Coordination of Visual Observing Programs" (invited review)

Mennessier, Marie-Odile (France)
 "Analysis of Observations of Mira Stars"

Mikolajewska, Joanna (Poland)
 "Symbiotic Stars" (invited review)

Mizser, Attila (Hungary)
 "Variable Star Astronomy in Hungary"

Mouchet, M. (France)
 "Magnetic Cataclysmic Variables"

Mukai, Koji (USA)
 "Coordinated Observations During the EUVE All-Sky Survey"

Osorio, Jose Ripero (Spain)
 TBA

Padilla, Steve (USA)
 TBA

Pazmino, John (USA)
 TBA

Percy, John R. (Canada)
 1. "Variable Stars and Stellar Evolution" (invited review)
 2. TBA

Proust, Dominique (France)
 "X Ophiuchi"

Quercy, F.R. and M. (France)*
 "Red Variables" (invited review)

Royer, Ronald E. (USA)
 TBA

Sakuma, Sei-ichi (Japan)
 TBA

Samolyk, Gerry (USA)
 something on eclipsing variables

Samus, N. (USSR)
 "The General Catalogue of Variable Stars"

Satoh, Hideo (Japan)
 "Present Status and Prospects for Variable Star Observation
 in Japan" (invited)

Schott, Gerd Lutz
 TBA

Schweitzer, M. Emile (France)
 TBA

Silhan, Jindrich (Czechoslovakia)
 TBA

Speil, Jerzy (Poland)
 TBA

Starrfield, Sumner (USA)*
 "Cataclysmic Variables" (invited review)

Sterken, Chris (Belgium)
 "BW Vulpeculae"

Szeidl, Bela (Hungary)*
 "Communication and Coordination in Variable Star Astronomy"
 (invited review)

Turon, C. (France)
 "The HIPPARCOS Input Catalogue" (invited)

Venditti, Roberto (Italy)
 TBA

Viotti, Roberto (Italy)
 "Hypergiant Variables" (invited review)

Wamsteker, Willem (Spain)*
 "Amateur Astronomers and Space Astronomy"

Watson, M.G. (UK)
 TBA

Wilkerson-Montout, Winston (USA)
 TBA

Williams, Thomas R. (USA)
 something on the history of variable star observing

Wisniewski, W. (USA)
 "Highly Variable Objects in the Solar System"

Wolf, Marek (Czechoslovakia)
 "Light-Time Effects in Eclipsing Binaries"

* participation not yet confirmed
 ** report to presented in "general assembly" session

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October 22, 1991

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Canada

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your letter and for your generous contribution to the publication of the IBVS.

I have circularized the information about the NSERC International Fellowships. Endre Zsoldos is still thinking about an application, although he has a little daughter and this makes his situation a little bit more complicated. A young colleague, Zoltán Kolláth (exstudent of Géza Kovács) is also a potential applicant. He is dealing with chaos in pulsating stars and is very good in computing. (He made the programs we use for period analysis.) Margit Paparó decided not to apply again for a long-term Soros Foundation fellowship. There are too many applicants and only a few are granted.

I got a letter from Chris Sterken just today informing me about the IBVS Editorial Board meeting in Vienna. Unfortunately I am unable to take part in the meeting but Katalin Oláh and László Szabados will be there. I suppose you also take part in this meeting and we would be glad if you visited us after or before this meeting. During your stay here our observatory, of course, will cover your expenses.

We hope to see you again in Budapest,

Yours sincerely,

Béla Szeidl

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To Bela Szeidl

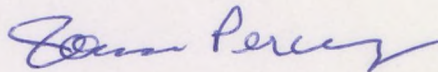
Date August 12, 1991

From John Percy

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I am very pleased to enclose a contribution to the publication of the IAU Information Bulletin on Variable Stars. It is an interesting, useful and cost-effective publication - one of the few which I read faithfully every time I receive it. The astronomical community is deeply indebted to you and your colleagues for the work which you do in producing it. I remember, from my visit in 1986, what was involved - a lot of time, effort and thought on the part of you and your staff.

With best wishes, as always,

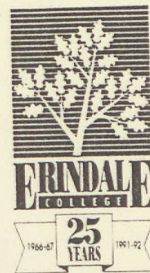




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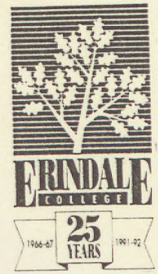
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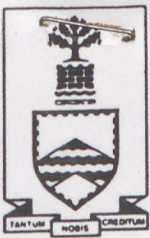
You will remember that Margit Paparo applied for a Soros Foundation fellowship. I am not sure why she did not receive one. In one of her e-mail messages to me, she mentioned a score on her TOEFL test. That score was less than what we require for admission to our graduate program. If that is the case, perhaps she should prepare more carefully for the TOEFL test, and re-apply for the fellowship.

Laszlo's student Jozsef Vinko is visiting here now. His visit seems to be very successful. He is getting hands-on experience with our SUN computers (and the UNIX system), and with our spectrographs and photometers on the 1.88m and 0.6/0.5m telescopes. He is giving a presentation in our "stellar discussion group" next week; Robert Buchler is also visiting next week, so we have organized a discussion of "irregularity".

I look forward to continuing the collaboration between our institutions!

Yours sincerely,

John R. Percy



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November 30, 1989

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*REMINDER: We hope you
can participate in our
meeting. Please let us know
if you can. John*

Dear Bela,

The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) is organizing a major conference on the theme of "International Cooperation and Coordination in Variable Star Research", to be held from July 24 to 28, 1990, at the University of Brussels, Belgium. Further information about the conference is given on the accompanying page. This is the first AAVSO meeting to be held outside North America. It recognizes the increasing international activity and role of the AAVSO, both in terms of the source of its data and the diversity of its collaborative projects with astronomers from many parts of the world. The theme of the conference will be interpreted broadly, since most of the work of the AAVSO - and indeed much of modern variable star research - is collaborative in nature. We expect over 150 participants from many countries: both amateur and professional astronomers involved in planning, gathering, archiving, analyzing and interpreting observations of variable stars of all kinds.

As the chairman of the Scientific Organizing Committee, I am pleased to invite you to attend the conference, and present a paper on the organization and communication of variable star observations: the role of IAU Commission 27 and the IBVS, your views on the role of amateurs, etc.. Although we are not able to provide any financial support for your travel or local expenses, we will do whatever we can to assist you in obtaining support from your local sources. We plan to publish Proceedings of the conference, and to include all suitable invited papers.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend the conference and make a presentation there. We will then send you further information and be in touch with you regarding your presentation. Your participation in the conference would play a significant role in its success, and the SOC hopes very much that you will be able to take part in this exciting event.

We hope to see you in Brussels next July!

Yours sincerely,

John R. Percy
Chair: SOC

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The program will consist of review, invited and contributed research papers and poster presentations. We expect that most contributed papers will be given as poster presentations, and adequate time and space will be set aside for these. There will also be discussion sessions related to the theme of the meeting. The invited review and research papers, and the discussions will be published in the Proceedings.

For information and correspondence about the scientific program, please write to: Dr. John Percy, Erindale Campus, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5L 1C6. Fax : (416) 828-5328. E-mail : PERCY@UTORPHYS.BITNET

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Dear John,

Thank you very much for the efforts you have made for us. It would indeed be of vital importance for the future of the Hungarian astronomy if we could find some way for establishing official contacts and channels to the Canadian astronomy.

Margit informed me in detail about her discussion with you. I was very glad that you have supported her ideas. The Hungarian astronomy can only meet the challenge of the future if the younger generation has the possibility to spend some time in a leading North-American astronomical institute. It would be really fantastic if my younger colleagues could regularly visit the Astronomy Department of the University of Toronto.

Of course I am aware of the reality and difficulties we are facing. Certainly it will not be easy to find the financial basis for it.

One of the best solution would be if we could work out the cooperation through a maybe future agreement of SERC and our Academy. I hope that such an agreement will be established, but it would provide my colleagues only a limited chance, since the competition with other fields of science is usually disadvantageous for astronomy. Officials usually allege as a reason that those fields of research should be supported which are in close connection with industry or agriculture because of the present disastrous economic situation of the country. Therefore I guess Margit's original suggestion might be preferred. I hope very much that a generous Hungarian supporter will turn up who is ready to create a foundation in order to help the Hungarian astronomy.

Of course, we have to track down other possibilities as well, until we find the best solution. There are a few bright fellows who may compete with success for a postgrad or postdoc fellowship and may pave the way for the others.

Thank you once more for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Bela Szeidl

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April 13, 1987

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Dear Bela,

I am writing to tell you that I will not be able to visit Budapest this summer. This is a great disappointment, because I had looked forward to seeing you and my other Hungarian friends again. I was also planning to attend the IAU Regional Meeting in Prague, and Petr Harmanec's workshop on rapid variability in stars. Fortunately, my colleague Tom Bolton and his student Alex Fullerton are planning to attend this meeting, and I hope that I can convince them to visit Budapest as well - perhaps to attend the meeting which Geza Kovacs is organizing.

Unfortunately, I have too many things to do this summer. As well as my usual activities (which range from supervising the photometric monitoring of Be stars to teaching astronomy to gifted 10-year-olds), I have several special projects. More important, I must reapply for a government grant to support my research. This means that I must write up the results of my research from the last three years, and plan my research for the next three years. It is increasingly difficult to get research grants from the Canadian government, so I must do a good job on my application.

I expect to see Lazi Szabados later this week. I will write again soon. Best wishes to you and all my friends at the observatory.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Percy".

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March 17, 1987

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Dear Bela,

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 1987. It is a pleasure to hear from you again. I have recently been re-living my visit to Hungary in several ways. Two weeks ago, I gave a half-hour illustrated talk on "Astronomy in Hungary" to the Toronto branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. There were nearly 200 in the audience, and they seemed to enjoy the talk almost as much as I did. Then, the next evening, my wife and I had a dinner party for Dimitar Sasselov. Don and Yvonne Fernie came, as well as a few other people from my department and from my wife's. Dimitar had expressed a wish for some "poison ivy", a characteristically North American plant which is called "poison" because it irritates the skin. One of my wife's students had obtained some poison ivy plants and cultivated them in a pot. The pot was presented to Dimitar at the dinner. The dinner cuisine was Hungarian: stuffed cabbage and brandied cherry dessert from a cookbook which Katalin gave me, and lots of Egri Bikaver.

Anyway, on to business. I would be very glad to write the "Early-Type Variable Stars" section for the report of IAU Commission 27. Some of the readers may think that it is time for someone else to write this section, but I will do my best, and will consult a few others in the field who may have some suggestions.

Thank you for telling me about Laci's visit to Union College. He said in the autumn that such a visit was possible. I am glad for his sake that the visit has taken place, but I am sorry for your sake that you have had to take on his duties. I will be visiting Williams College (which is near Union College) in about four weeks, and I will get in touch with him. Maybe it is possible for him to visit Toronto.

There is still a good chance that I will visit Hungary and the IAU Regional Meeting in August. If so, I would visit Hungary before the meeting in Prague. I know about the meeting which Geza Kovacs is organizing, but I must be back to Toronto that week.

Yours sincerely,

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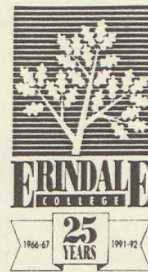
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Dear Bela,

Thanks for your letter of October 22, 1991. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the meeting of the IBVS Editorial Board. I had less than a month's notice of the meeting, and it is difficult (and very expensive) for me to travel to Europe at such short notice. I think that Chris Sterken should schedule these meetings several months ahead of time, preferably in conjunction with a major variable star meeting (such as the one to be held next year in Vienna), so that there would be more reason for the Board members to attend, and receive financial support.

With regard to fellowships: I have had an enquiry from Zoltan Kollath, and I will be providing him with information. If he should apply for an NSERC International Fellowship, or for a CITA Fellowship, it is important for his application to be as convincing and complete as possible - also his letters of reference. He should send or Fax me a draft copy, which I could then review and comment upon.

The visit by Jozsef Vinko (Laszlo Szabados' student) was very successful, and it was not too difficult for us to support him, because the Hungarian authorities paid for his air fare. Perhaps a six- or eight-week visit by Endre Zsoldos would be possible.

I look forward to my next visit to Budapest.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Percy

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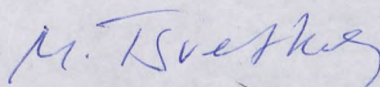
Dear Professor Szeidl,

It was a pleasure for me to meet you in Buenos Aires!

In Sofia I found your letter from July 8th with the good news that you confirm the α Per flare star observations in Matra (1-6 November). Thank you very much for your support. I ask in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences but they have only three week exchange in the astronomy and acad. Serafimov's council decided that Mrs. Assya Tsvetkova's visit will be more important. It means that I shall execute the observations as a private visit to Konkoly and Matra. In this way there are no chance to receive a support from BAS. If you have no objection I plan to come with my wife in Budapest (via Romania by car) two days before the observations i.e. October 30, and will leave Hungary after the end of observations.

I hope that in Konkoly I shall meet you and Dr. Jankovics to discuss our joint project in the field of astronomy for the next year.

Yours sincerely,



Milcho Tsvetkov

P.S. About "plates problem": In B.A. I had a talk with Prof. E. Helin (JPL) and also ask Dr. Charles Prosser to send a two boxes (Kodak IIaO) to you in Konkoly before the observations, if it is possible. Let's wait!

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Dear Professor Szeidl,

This fall I will pass Hungary driving on the way to Germany and Switzerland.

I'll attend in the meeting of Emergency Found Committee of the European Astronomical Society around 23 October in Geneva. I would like to stop in Budapest and visit Konkoly Observatory for a few hours. I need to discuss with you and Dr. L. Balas about Wide-Field Plate Archive IAU project and to inform you the progress of this important task.

I expect to pass Budapest on the way to Geneva around 20-21 October and will be very appreciate if I could meet you and Dr. Balas there.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours:

M. Tsvetkov
Milcho Tsvetkov

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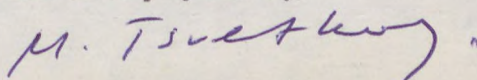
Dear Dr. Szeidl,

I avail myself of this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year!
May it bring you success in your work and, of course, progress in
our joint investigations of flare stars!

I received the first announcement for the Symposium on Eruptive
Phenomena in Stars which is to be held in Budapest between 10-13 Sept-
ember this year. I shall be pleased to participate in this interesting
meeting. Probably other two or three astronomers will also participate
in the Symposium and not less than three papers mainly on investigat-
ions of flare stars in the vicinity of the Sun and stellar aggregates
will be presented. We shall later on announce the names of the rest
of the participants.

I also think that it would be useful at the meeting to find a
possibility to discuss our joint working programme on investigations
of Flare Stars which is a subject from the collaboration between the
Academies of Sciences of the Socialist countries on the problem of
Physics and Evolution of Stars.

Sincerely yours,



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15 October, 1991

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Dear Professor Szeidl,

Following my letter from 30 September I would like to inform you about recent changes of my plans for observations in Konkoly this November.

Unfortunately I can not come in Matra (in the period 1-6 November) to execute the programme for flare star search in the α Persei cluster. Some days ago I received a letter from Dr. Prosser and he informed me that this fall will be not possible to send me some Kodak IIaO plates for our joint programme. The time is too short. Probably next fall he will try to receive a little support from the NSF for our programme and will send me Kodak plates. I will inform you in due time about my plans for observations in Matra in future if plates are available. I am really not happy that I shall not see you again. I would be very appreciated if Dr. Iankovics or some of the colleagues in Konkoly will take care of observations in our period this November.

I would like to thank you once more for your efforts to help us and for cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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July 8, 1991

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Dear Dr. Tsvetkov,

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter. I hoped that in the meantime we could lay up a supply of new KODAK plates, but our hope vanished. We have only some dozen of old 103a0 plates from the early 80's.

Of course, we put the Schmidt-telescope at your disposal between 1 - 6 November, but I am afraid you will not be satisfied with the poor quality of the old plates. Could you bring with you the plates or could dr. Ch. Prosser provide them?

I am very sorry about this situation, but I am sure you understand it.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

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30 April 1991

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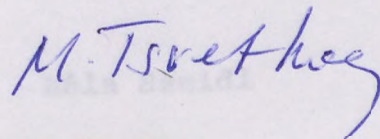
Dear Professor Szeidl,

My letter concerns the possibility to receive an observational time in Matra's station on 60/90 cm Schmidt telescope of the Konkoly Observatory (Matra). According to the collaboration in the field of "Variable star search" between the Department of Astronomy and Konkoly Observatory I would like to ask you for observational time this autumn. The basis aim of our programme is monitoring of the stellar cluster α Persei for flare stars (Kodak 103a0/IIa0 + UG2). The programme is proposed by Dr. Charles Prosser from the Lick Observatory and the scientific goals are to investigate the flare stars among the low mass members of the cluster discovered by proper motions. We started such observations at Rozhen (50/70 cm telescope) but your telescope is with bigger field and better possibilities which will give certainly better results. Convenient time for this observational programme for us is between 1-6 of November. I think that Dr. I. Jankovics will be also interested about this observations.

I know that the moment is very difficult for all of us - many economical problems appeared in both countries but I shall be very appreciated if you write me about the possibilities of this proposal.

Looking forward to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Tsvetkov:

Thank you for your letter of 24 September, which I have just received, as it was forwarded from New York. I hasten to send a brief reply which I hope will reach you well before the General Assembly.

In regard to the proposal for a symposium on the subject "Flare Stars in Stellar Cluster and Associations and in the Solar Neighborhood", to which you refer, it certainly seems to me that it would be an excellent subject, and that the Byurakan Observatory would be a very appropriate place for it. I shall be very much interested to know the details of the proposal when they are available. Based on your general description, I would think that our commission would agree to sponsor it, though doubtless that decision will remain for my successor and his Organizing Committee.

I see two potential problems, which I think you should know about. The first is that, as you know, Drs. Rodonò and Hirsch have proposed a symposium on "Solar and Stellar Flares", also for 1988. If the past behaviour of the IAU Executive Committee is an accurate guide, it will be reluctant to approve two such meetings on similar subjects in the same year. It is true that the subjects are somewhat different, but one would, at the least, have to be able to convince the EC that the potential audiences for the two symposia would overlap very little.

The other problem is that 1988 is a General Assembly year and that the invitation of the USA to meet in Baltimore will probably be accepted. In general it seems that the IAU Executive Committee has hesitated to approve symposia or colloquia in the same year as a General Assembly unless they are held in connection with the GA in more or less the same part of the world. Probably the reason for this is that they do not want to divert attention and attendance from the GA and its associated meetings. Thus any meeting in Europe in 1988 may well have trouble gaining IAU approval. Of course I am not privy to the thinking of the Executive Committee, and perhaps exceptions can be made.

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My own suggestion would be that you (or the proposers at the Byurakan Observatory) consider having the symposium in either 1987 or 1989. I cannot assure you that the Executive Committee would then approve it, but I do think the chances would be much better.

I hope we can discuss this proposal at the business meeting of Commission 27 in New Delhi, which will take place on the morning of November 21 (in the present program this is erroneously listed as a "scientific" session). If you are not able to be at the meeting, I hope that you will give the necessary information to someone who can attend.

In regard to your wish to become a member of Commission 27, I shall immediately inform the General Secretary. I cannot be sure that it is still possible, since the date for proposing new members passed some time ago. But because of the many problems arising from the rationalization of the files of the IAU secretariat, a number of members have found themselves in the same position that you do, so I think there is a good chance that nominations will still be accepted.

I hope to see you in Delhi. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Norman H. Baker

cc: Dr. B. Szeidl

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Dear Professor Szeidl,

Some days ago I received your last IBVS Editorial Note and Dr. Chriss Sterken's subscription list. Immediately I answered that I would like to be among the subscribers of the IBVS for 1992 and sent respectively a bill for 500 BF.

I would like also to inform you that unfortunately I did not yet received any information about the existing Wide-Field Plate Archives in Konkoly. Maybe the circular letter which I had sent to you last September was lost.

I think that your Wide-Field Plate Archive is one of the best kept and it will be very useful if put some preliminary information about it in the first list of WFPAs. I will appreciate if you support the idea to invite hungarian astronomers to be members of the new Working Group on Wide-Field Imaging - Commission 9 of the IAU. The chairman of the Working Group Dr. Richard West sent me fax some days ago and asked me to invite the astronomers from East Europe to be more active members of the new WG.

Attached you may find our preliminary list of the existing WFPAs. All your comments, corrections, new WFPAs-information etc are very welcome. Your advises will help and especially will be taken in consideration during the forthcoming WFPAs-discussions of the Organising Committee meeting in Baltimore (13-14 April, 1992). The list of existing wide-field plate archives will be published in the second issue of the WGWFI Newsletter No.2 - June, 1992, Ed. H. MacGillivray.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. B. Szeidl
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Dear Dr. Szeidl,

I have not heard from you since I wrote you my invitation letter to come to the AAVSO meeting in Brussels.

Unfortunately I have to tell you now that my application for a travel grant was turned down by the Ministry, and so I am unable to offer you travel support. However, I see the possibility to offer you free registration at the conference, and also free accomodation during your stay in Brussels.

I hope that you will be able to find some additional support to cover your travel costs. I would appreciate very much if you would let me know as soon as possible whether you will come, so that I can make the room reservations.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

C. Sterken



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Dear Dr. Szeidl,

I herewith inform you that I have submitted an application to our National science Fund for a travel grant for you to come to the AAVSO Conference in Brussels in July 1990.

There will pass several months before I know the outcome of the application (I applied for travel and accomodation support), but in the meantime I prefer to inform you about the situation. But I can assure you already that, if the Science Fund decides negatively, I have already the possibility to offer you free subscription and also accomodation from my own research accounts, so you may consider this invitation as a formal one.

Would you please confirm as soon as possible whether you accept this invitation, and also how much travel expenses you would need. In case of acceptance, you should inform Dr. John Percy (Chairman SOC) about the title of your talk (giving a talk is a sine qua non condition to get financial support from any of the sources we have). I shall keep you informed about the outcome of my application.

On December 31 I leave for Chile, and I shall be back by January 25. I hope to have your answer by then.

Looking forward to seeing you in Brussels next year, and with my best wishes for a happy New Year, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. C. Sterken

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July 4, 1983

*I have received all back issues of IAU
Thank you very much.*

Dr. C. Sterken

Astrofysisch Instituut *With kind regards*

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Dear Dr. Sterken,

Thank you very much for the book "Nonradial and Nonlinear Stellar Pulsation". It is really very important for us.

With kind regards,

Béla Szeidl



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Brussels, 21 June 1983

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Thank you very much.*

With kind regards

C. STERKEN



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Brussel, June, 5 1978

Dr. B. Szeidl

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Dear Dr. Szeidl,

I am very much interested in obtaining a copy of Volume 65 of "Mitteilungen der Sternwarte der Ungarischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Budapest" ("Non-Periodic Phenomena in Variable Stars", Ed. L. Detre).

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vi. 15.

I hope that copies of this volume are still available, and I would appreciate very much if you could send me one, together with instructions for payment.

Thanking you in advance, i remain,

Yours sincerely,

C. Sterken

January 2, 1993

Dr. B. Szeidl
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Dear Bela,

It is a long time that I have been thinking of writing to you about a couple of issues, and my busy life has kept me postponing this again and again, but now I take the opportunity of the new year to do this, and to wish you, at the same time, a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year, with a maximum of scientific pleasure and a minimum of problems.

The first point I wish to put up is your idea of the NATO ASI. Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard sent you an Email in July concerning our discussion about whom should be the Director of the ASI. As I remember, he wrote that he would rather not accept the duty, and that we agreed that I would take it. That formulation was not entirely correct: I have said that, if he declines, I am willing to do the job, but that it is you who should decide in all freedom, since the idea to ask Jørgen was yours. Therefore, I had asked him to write to you and to inform you about his reluctance to accept that responsibility rather than that I do this, since I did in no way push Jørgen to that decision. So, I think you must make up your mind, and, please, feel very free in this respect. You know that I am not easy, and pigheaded, so do not hesitate to look for another solution, but I think that it is time to get started. What I did do, however, is that I prospected Jørgen's suggestion to ask Norman Baker to join SOC, since I met Norman in Victoria last July. I explained him the goal of the ASI, and he is very much prepared to join the three of us to form a SOC. So, we all wait for you to give the signal of start.

From my experience over the last years, I learned (often with much pain) that the only way to make such enterprises really successful, is that the organisers must meet at regular intervals. Organising the meeting by email, fax and telephone, leads to so many unnecessary misunderstandings, and costs so much time, that I would be really afraid to embark this way. Jørgen is of the same opinion, and he is willing to have meetings whenever necessary. The best solutions are to have those meetings in Budapest, in Brussels, or in Copenhagen. Anyway, I shall have to come to Budapest in the near future, since ESO granted me observing time for Margit's campaign in September.

A second point is that my application of last year to NATO for organising an Advanced Research Workshop, has been accepted, so from November 15 to 18 I organise, in Belgium, an ARW "Impact of Long-term Monitoring on Variable-Star Research". There is enough money to work quietly with 40-50 people for four days, and I plan to make it a great meeting. SOC has already met, and the scientific program is roughly fixed. But it now occurs to me that that meeting may be an excellent forum to present an analysis of IBVS as carrier over three decades of information concerning variable star

observation and monitoring. To my opinion, such a paper should present the frequency of occurrence of Bulletin issues concerning the same stars, and deduce the role that IBVS plays or could play, in such monitoring campaigns. I realise that the talk would take a lot of time to prepare, and I am willing to help (but not to co-author) you and/or the Editors in preparing it. Any of you three could deliver the talk, and I can arrange for travel support. And the work can be used at more than one place: IAU report, and perhaps an internal report for your Academy. Please discuss the idea with Katalin and Laszlo, and let me know whether I may propose such a suggestion to SOC.

Finally, IBVS. Katalin may have told you that she is now doing most of the invoicing, a matter that can only be done by the person(s) taking care of updating the database of subscribers. In order to avoid disruptions when my job is eventually taken over at IAU GA next year, I think that it is crucial that all letters concerning IBVS are being transferred to your place. I suggested Katalin that she makes a cabinet file with all this information neatly classified, so that anyone can retrieve all information at a central place. Of course, I shall not just step out and leave you in the mess, and it should be very clear to all of you that the whole structure set up to cash the subscriptions (ARES) will go on functioning to serve you. For what concerns the administrative structure, I have a suggestion which, I realise, may be simple-minded because I have no knowledge of your local bureaucracy. The point is that I understand that in Gothard a kind of Foundation has been set up, and that this Foundation legally takes care of anything related with Gothard Observatory. So my question is: would it not be possible to establish a Foundation for IBVS? Call it the Detre Foundation, or IBVS Foundation, or whatever. Such a Foundation would have a Board of Directors, in which you would have the Editors, and some other people from your Institute, and one or more foreign advisers from another European country (for example Michel Breger). The Foundation would be able to collect the money that ARES has for you (for example at the end of the year), and the Foundation would be able to function independently from the Editorial Board, which would, of course, continue to give advice on scientific matters and refereeing policy. That solution would allow the Foundation to ask for a guaranteed annual budget (right now there is no specific budget for IBVS, I understood), to which can be added the income from subscriptions. Such a solution would really stabilise the whole IBVS enterprise. Though business seems to run smoothly now, I am particularly concerned what may happen if unforeseen complications come up (either with funding or jobs), since the contribution from subscriptions barely amounts to one third of the IBVS annual cost. But, I know that it will take time and careful preparation to make such a project work, but if you succeed, it would be an achievement of lasting value and importance. And it would keep –forever– the Bulletin far away from pirates.

Right now I have no concrete plans for coming to Budapest. At the end of the month I go to Chile, and I am back by February 25. I may see a possibility to come to Budapest around Easter, and I have very preliminary arrangements with Katalin concerning this possibility. I shall keep you informed about this point. Please keep in mind that, any time, you may come here, I always have a room available, and I would really enjoy having you as my guest.

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3 November 1989

Dear Dr. Szeidl,

as we proceed in the organisation of our conference on *Confrontation between Stellar Pulsation and Evolution*, I would like to inform you about the current situation:

1. The IAU unfortunately has not granted its sponsorship for an IAU Colloquium designation. We do have, however, the sponsorship of the University and Observatory of Bologna, and of the Italian National Research Council, so we shall go ahead with our conference.

2. The review talk on the RR Lyraes will be given by R. Rood, and A. Sweigart will talk about HB evolution. Both talks will be short ones (30 min each), in order not to over-emphasize these topics.

About pre-degenerate and degenerate variables, the idea is to have S. Kawaler review both the pulsational and observational aspects.

Most of the SOC members who have replied to my questions have felt that the Luminous Blue Variables fit only marginally into the scopes of our conference, and should not have a dedicated review talk. We shall, however, accept oral or poster contributions on this subject.

I hope to come back to you soon with a provisional detailed programme of the conference, which includes the layout of oral and poster contributions, and I will very much appreciate your comments and suggestions then.

3. There is general agreement that the Proceedings should be published by the Publ. A.S.P., Conference Series, and that the cost of the book (~ \$30.-) should be included in the registration fee (~ \$130.-). As far as possible, all contributions should be published, including the poster papers (even if only the abstracts...). But a decision can be taken only when we have the final list of all contributions.

4. We have at present about 130 people interested in attending the conference (in addition to the invited speakers), about 60 of whom wish to present some contribution. It looks like there will be plenty to talk about...

We are now mailing out the second announcement of the conference, including the poster, that you will receive separately. As I said before, we shall try to put together a provisional programme for your comments and suggestions as soon as possible; then, about February 90, I hope we can mail the final announcement including the preliminary programme and all the local arrangements.

I thank you very much again for your help and cooperation, and I wish you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Carla Cacciari

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Dear Dr. Sand,

as we proceed in the organization of our conference on Cosmological Distance Scales, Pulsars and Quasars, I would like to inform you about the latest situation.

1. The IAU informally has not granted its sponsorship for our 1990 Conference. We do not know the reasons, the responsibility is the Observatory and University of Bologna. But, what are the reasons? I don't know. I will try to find out about the conference.

2. The programme of the 1990 Conference is being set up. I think, and I should like to talk about it, we should be able to do it. We should be able to do it, we should be able to do it, we should be able to do it.

About the programme, I am not sure, but I think it is to have 2-3 sessions, covering both the theoretical and observational aspects.

Most of the IAU members have replied to my questionnaire, and that the Luminosity Function Variables are only marginally into the scope of our conference, and should not have a full and complete talk. We should, however, accept oral or poster contributions on this subject.

I hope to come back to you soon with a provisional detailed programme of the conference, which includes the layout of oral and poster contributions, and I will very much appreciate your comments and suggestions then.

3. There is general agreement that the Proceedings should be published by the Publ. A.S.P., Conference Series, and that the cost of the book (~ 250,-) should be included in the registration fee (~ 8130,-). As far as possible, all contributions should be published, including the poster papers (even if only the abstracts...). But a decision can be taken only when we have the final list of all contributions.

4. We have at present about 150 people interested in attending the conference (in addition to the invited speakers), about 60 of whom wish to present some contribution. It looks like there will be plenty to talk about.

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2 June 1989

Dear Dr. Szeidl,

this is to update you on the status of the organization of our conference "Confrontation between Stellar Pulsation and Evolution", and to ask your help in a few problems.

CURRENT STATUS

We have obtained the formal sponsorship of Commissions 27 and 35 (although Comm. 35 "raises the question whether a two-year interval between meetings on stellar pulsation is compatible with the general IAU policy on those matters"...), and the co-sponsorship of Commissions 36 and 47. I have just written Dr. McNally and requested the IAU support for our conference to be designated as a IAU Colloquium.

The suggested speakers have been contacted, and the following ones have accepted to present review talks:

Chiosi - Intermediate mass star evolution
Breger - Delta Scuti, Ap variables
Simon - Population I Cepheids
Rood - HB evolution
Wallerstein - Population II Cepheids (BL Her, W Vir, RV Tau)
Petersen - Mass determination
Cox - The Sun
Wood - Red Variables: evolution/pulsation
Whitelock - Red Variables: observations
Renzini - H-deficient stars: evolution
Saio - H-deficient stars: pulsation
Feast - H-deficient stars: observations
Iben - Pre-degenerate, degenerate variables: evolution
Kawaler - Pre-degenerate, degenerate variables: pulsation

PENDING PROBLEMS

Four review talks are still not covered:

Pop. I B stars: Balona has been contacted, but he has not replied yet. In case he's not available, we can either ask someone from the back-up group (M.A. Smith, Jerykiewicz, Pel, who else?), or drop this subject, or merge it with another talk.

Blue Stragglers/SX Phe: Nemec contacted, no reply. Suggested back-ups are: Mateo, Jorgensen, who else?

RR Lyrae: Sandage contacted, who declined. Suggested back-ups are: Lub, Diethelm, Burki, H. Smith, Caputo. Also Nemec would be very good, if he turns out to be available (in which case Mateo or Jorgensen could do the Blue Stragglers/SX Phe stars).

Pre-degenerate, degenerate (observations): Liebert contacted, no reply. Suggested back-ups are: Holberg, Pesnell. This subject could be shortened by merging the observation part with the pulsation part, which is done by Kawaler.

I would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions about the missing speakers, and how to rearrange the talks.

With many thanks, I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Carla Cacciari

Carla Cacciari



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25 October 1988

Dear Dr. Szeidl,

during the IAU Coll. n. 111 "The Use of Pulsating Stars in Fundamental Problems in Astronomy" it was suggested that the next conference of this "series" be held in Bologna in 1990. I am writing to ask if you would be willing to serve on the Scientific Organizing Committee. I hope that you will agree.

Enclosed is a tentative plan for the organization of the meeting. I would appreciate your comments on any aspect. In particular:

- Are the proposed dates and duration all right? (Part D).
- Which other subdivision by area would you suggest? Is the schedule OK? (Part E).
- Could you add to the list of possible speakers, and/or give me your preferences? (Part F).

I would also like to know if it is possible to send you messages via some computer network, in particular BITNET and SPAN/DECNET. If so, please let me know the node of your site and your user ID. For myself, these parameters are:

node: 39103 or 38956

ASTBO3.INFNET or ASTBO1.INFNET

user ID: CACCIARI

in DEC/SPAN
in EARN/BITNET

(Note that 39103=ASTBO3 and 38956=ASTBO1)

With regard to the meeting, I guess the next step would be to put together a final proposal and submit it to the relevant commissions of IAU. (Can you suggest other sources of funds?). This should be done as soon as possible, so please send me your comments and suggestions quickly!

I hope everything goes well with you.

With best wishes,

Carla Cacciari

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TENTATIVE PLAN - OCTOBER 1988

A) Scientific Organizing Committee

C. Cacciari (Bologna Observatory, Italy) - Chairman

M. Breger (University of Vienna, Austria)

A.N. Cox (Los Alamos National Laboratory)

M. Feast (SAAO, South Africa)

J. Lub (Sterrewacht Leiden, The Netherlands)

(*) A. Maeder (Geneva Observatory)

A. Renzini (University of Bologna)

A. Sandage (Mount Wilson Observatory, USA)

N.R. Simon (University of Nebraska, USA)

(*) B. Szeidl (Konkoly Observatory, Hungary)

(*) P. Wood (Mount Stromlo Observatory, Australia)

(*) = to be confirmed

B) Title

Confrontation between stellar pulsation and evolution

C) Location

Observatory and University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

D) Dates

4 working days at the end of May, beginning of June 1990 (one half-day may be free)

E) Structure

Problem-oriented. Since the meeting will be short, one could focus on the following major areas:

- The Population I Instability Strip (Cepheids, δ Sct, ZZ Cet)
- The Population II Instability Strip (RR Lyrae, pulsating Blue-Stragglers, BL Her, W Vir, RV Tau, Anomalous Cepheids)
- H-deficient stars (R CrB, Helium stars, WR PN Nuclei, non-DA White Dwarfs)
- Red Variables (Miras, LPVs, OH-IR)

A tentative daily schedule of the talks could be:

- 2-3 invited reviews (45 + 10 min each)
- Poster vision + discussion (1 + 1 hours)
- Coffee-breaks (2 x 30 min)
- Lunch-break (1.5 hours)
- The rest of the time distributed in communications of 30 + 5 (10?) min each
- Start 9:00am, end approximately 6:00pm, one half-day off for sightseeing, if possible (in the middle or at the end?)

F) Invited Speakers

A list of possible speakers is presented in the following table:

Population I:	Chiosi, Cox, Feast, Maeder, Sandage, Simon, Stellingwerf, Willson
Population II:	Andreasen, Burki, Caputo, Cox, Dickens, Feast, Fusi Pecci, Lub, Nemec, Renzini, Rood, Simon, H. Smith, Stellingwerf, Tornambe', Vandenberg, Wood, Zinn
H-deficient stars:	Cox, Feast, Holberg, Iben, Kawaler, Liebert, Renzini, Saio, Schoenberger, Shipman, Wheeler
Red Variables:	Bessell, Bowen, Feast, Frogel, Iben, Lloyd-Evans, Wood

One talk is already booked:

M. Breger: Disagreement between stellar evolution and short-period (δ Sct) variables.

G) IAU Disciplines

Commissions 27 and 35 (possibly also 33, 36, 37, and 47)

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27 November 1989

Dear Prof. Szeidl,

we have now received a good number of replies to the announcements of the conference on *Confrontation between Stellar Pulsation and Evolution*. Since the flux of incoming new applications is rapidly decreasing to zero, I have started drafting a preliminary program of the conference, with a daily break-down of the invited reviews, and tentatively selecting a few papers for oral presentation.

Some of the review talks are 30 min long, the others are 45 min, and the oral contributions are 20 min long, each including 5 min discussion. The idea was to allow a good fraction of time for oral contributions as well, which could have new and interesting results to present. However, if you feel that the review talks are too short, we can cut a bit on the oral papers and increase the length of the review papers accordingly. The 30-min reviews were selected either because they could be "complemented" by the following oral papers (e.g. Breger, Balona, Sweigart, Rood), or in order to keep a fair balance with respect to the other subjects (e.g. Renzini, Saio, and Feast).

In general, I have tried to schedule two reviews in the morning and two in the afternoon, except on the last day, when having all the reviews in the morning seemed to give a better use of the time.

The lunch break is two hours, which is ample time for a sandwich, and is sufficient also for a meal at the restaurant (but then you will sleep through the afternoon...). Some of this time, as well as the coffee breaks, are intended also to look at the poster papers.

The discussion of the poster papers is all to be defined. Different procedures have been suggested: we can have someone read them, and present them all individually, or a few selected ones, or a summary, for discussion; or we can let everyone speak for him/herself allowing, for example, 2-3 min and 2 slides each paper. What is better?

You will find attached the list of the possible participants, who do not intend to present a paper, and the list of authors and papers divided by day/category. The ones that have been tentatively picked up for oral presentation are written in boldface fonts.

I would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions on all aspects of the program, and in particular on the following items:

1. Length and distribution of the review and oral papers
2. Selection of oral papers
3. Discussion procedure for the poster papers
4. Recommended chairpersons for the normal sessions, the poster paper discussions, and the concluding remarks

If I could have your input by mid January, then I would like to draw a better approximation to the final program, and mail it to the invited speakers, in case it may help them in the preparation of their papers.

I thank you very much again for your patience, and your invaluable help and collaboration, and I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Carla Cacciari

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11 August 1989

Dear Dr. Szeidl,

here are the latest news about the organization of our Pulsation/Evolution conference:

1. When I submitted the application for IAU support, Dr. Bergeron noted that the geographical coverage of the SOC was not broad enough, and suggested to include a scientist from Japan and USSR. Dr. H. Saio very kindly accepted to serve on the SOC; Dr. Y.A. Fadeyev was also contacted, but did not reply. Dr. Bergeron also told me that there are many conferences applying for IAU support for 1990, most of them being already approved from the Baltimore General Assembly, and the chances that our conference gets IAU support are unfortunately not very good ...
2. L. Balona and J. Nemec have accepted to give review talks on Pop. I B stars and blue stragglers/ SX Phe stars respectively. For the RR Lyraes, there is a suggestion of moving Bob Rood on the RR Lyraes, and have Allen Sweigart talk on HB evolution, where he has been doing quite a lot of work recently. I would appreciate your comments on this possibility.
3. For the publication of the proceedings, the Cambridge University Press is generally favourable, but one of its referees had some negative comments on the list of topics, and suggested to tone down, if not drop altogether, a few subjects such as intermediate mass and HB evolution, Blue Stragglers and SX Phe stars, RR Lyraes, Cepheids, and Red Variables ... Kluwer Academic Pub. is also willing to publish the proceedings, but they have put heavy conditions. They do not charge for the publication if the book is less than 300 pages and contains only the invited reviews. If we want to publish all papers straightforward, they ask for a Dfl 10,000 subsidy, and the participant price of the book would be Dfl. 95.-. The best offer, in my opinion, has come recently from the American Society of the Pacific, Conference Series: they would publish the proceedings at no conditions, and price the book at approximately \$30.- if it runs at about 400 pages. They also strongly recommend that we include the cost of the book in the registration fee. Now my questions are: would you agree on having the proceedings of our conference published by the ASP Conference Series? Do you think that a \$130.- registration fee,

which includes the cost of the book, may be acceptable? If we have to keep the book within 400 pages, and we had too many contributions, would you rather not publish the poster papers, or shorten the invited papers down to 8-12 pages?

4. I have received a suggestion to include another topic in our list, namely the Luminous Blue Variables, which represent an important stage in massive star evolution. However, this would broaden even further the range of topics which is already very wide, and it is not obvious that pulsation has anything to do with the instability mechanisms of these stars. Do you think that the LBVs would fit into the scope of our conference? If so, whom would you suggest for a review?

5. After circulating the first announcement, we have received about 80 replies from possible participants, most of whom wish to present a paper. This looks very promising, and I am really pleased of this wide expression of interest in our conference!

I expect we shall be able to mail the second announcement sometime in early autumn, and I hope we shall have a positive answer from IAU by then. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your collaboration.

With best wishes,

Carla Cacciari

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21 December 1988

Dear Dr. Szeidl,

I am sorry I have not received your comments to my letter of 25 October 1988. In case the mail has been lost, I enclose a copy of the letter and the tentative plan for the conference, please let me know your opinion as soon as possible.

The date of the conference has raised some concern, I shall try to summarize here the situation:

1. Around May-July 1990 there are other conferences of potential interest, i.e.:

- May-June: NATO Workshop on "Stellar Atmospheres: beyond classical models", Trieste (Hubeny, Crivellari)
- Summer: IAU Symp. on "Evolution of Stars: the photospheric abundance connection", Bulgaria (Michaud, Tutukov)
- June 18-22: IAU Symp. on "WR Stars", Indonesia (Van der Hucht)
- July 9-13: IAU Symp. on "The Magellanic Clouds", Australia

We should try to avoid scheduling our conference too close to these, except perhaps to the NATO Workshop in Trieste, which may be somehow related to ours, and a coordinated schedule could allow to attend both conferences in one trip.

2. There was a suggestion that a two-year interval is too short for our conferences, and the next one should be held one year later. In this case, however, it would have to be in South America, if we want the IAU sponsorship, since in 1991 there will be the IAU General Assembly in Argentina. This may be a good idea, but then we should find some "volunteer" for the local organization, and modify a little the Scientific Organizing Committee as well.

3. The hotel availability in Bologna is severely dependent on the presence of commercial/industrial fairs. Usually May and June (and even worse September and October) are busy months of the year, but a free week can always be found here and there. The exact schedule of the fairs is known ~ 6 months in advance, and the hotels give the highest priority to the fair customers, so it's no use to try to book the rooms long time in advance. This means we would be able to fix the date of our conference only ~ 6 months before. N.B. July and August should be avoided, it can be very hot and unpleasant, and a number of facilities may be closed for vacation.

With these boundary conditions in mind, I suggest we aim at a schedule around the last week of May or the first week of June 1990, in Bologna, as it was suggested originally. In case of problems, the conference could be moved to the area near Padova, and the local organization would be done in collaboration with Cesare Chiosi.

I would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions on this solution, or any other solution that may have not come to my mind. I would like to settle this issue by the end of January, so that we may proceed with contacting the speakers.

I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Carla Cacciari

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Dear Dr. Szeidl,

during the IAU Coll. n. 111 "The Use of Pulsating Stars in Fundamental Problems in Astronomy" it was suggested that the next conference of this "series" be held in Bologna in 1990. I am writing to ask if you would be willing to serve on the Scientific Organizing Committee. I hope that you will agree.

Enclosed is a tentative plan for the organization of the meeting. I would appreciate your comments on any aspect. In particular:

- Are the proposed dates and duration all right? (Part D).
- Which other subdivision by area would you suggest? Is the schedule OK? (Part E).
- Could you add to the list of possible speakers, and/or give me your preferences? (Part F).

I would also like to know if it is possible to send you messages via some computer network, in particular BITNET and SPAN/DECNET. If so, please let me know the node of your site and your user ID. For myself, these parameters are:

node: 39103 or 38956

in DEC/SPAN

ASTBO3.INFNET or ASTBO1.INFNET

in EARN/BITNET

user ID: CACCIARI

(Note that 39103=ASTBO3 and 38956=ASTBO1)

With regard to the meeting, I guess the next step would be to put together a final proposal and submit it to the relevant commissions of IAU. (Can you suggest other sources of funds?). This should be done as soon as possible, so please send me your comments and suggestions quickly!

I hope everything goes well with you.

With best wishes,

Carla Cacciari

TENTATIVE PLAN - OCTOBER 1988

A) Scientific Organizing Committee

C. Cacciari (Bologna Observatory, Italy) - Chairman
M. Breger (University of Vienna, Austria)
A.N. Cox (Los Alamos National Laboratory)
M. Feast (SAAO, South Africa)
J. Lub (Sterrewacht Leiden, The Netherlands)
(*) A. Maeder (Geneva Observatory)
A. Renzini (University of Bologna)
A. Sandage (Mount Wilson Observatory, USA)
N.R. Simon (University of Nebraska, USA)
(*) B. Szeidl (Konkoly Observatory, Hungary)
(*) P. Wood (Mount Stromlo Observatory, Australia)

(*) = to be confirmed

B) Title

Confrontation between stellar pulsation and evolution

C) Location

Observatory and University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

D) Dates

4 working days at the end of May, beginning of June 1990 (one half-day may be free)

E) Structure

Problem-oriented. Since the meeting will be short, one could focus on the following major areas:

- The Population I Instability Strip (Cepheids, δ Sct, ZZ Cet)
- The Population II Instability Strip (RR Lyrae, pulsating Blue-Stragglers, BL Her, W Vir, RV Tau, Anomalous Cepheids)
- H-deficient stars (R CrB, Helium stars, WR PN Nuclei, non-DA White Dwarfs)
- Red Variables (Miras, LPVs, OH-IR)

A tentative daily schedule of the talks could be:

- 2-3 invited reviews (45 + 10 min each)
- Poster vision + discussion (1 + 1 hours)
- Coffee-breaks (2 x 30 min)
- Lunch-break (1.5 hours)
- The rest of the time distributed in communications of 30 + 5 (10?) min each
- Start 9:00am, end approximately 6:00pm, one half-day off for sightseeing, if possible (in the middle or at the end?)

F) Invited Speakers

A list of possible speakers is presented in the following table:

Population I:	Chiosi, Cox, Feast, Maeder, Sandage, Simon, Stellingwerf, Willson
Population II:	Andreasen, Burki, Caputo, Cox, Dickens, Feast, Fusi Pecci, Lub, Nemec, Renzini, Rood, Simon, H. Smith, Stellingwerf, Tornambe', VandenBerg, Wood, Zinn
H-deficient stars:	Cox, Feast, Holberg, Iben, Kawaler, Liebert, Renzini, Saio, Schoenberger, Shipman, Wheeler
Red Variables:	Bessell, Bowen, Feast, Frogel, Iben, Lloyd-Evans, Wood

One talk is already booked:

M. Breger: Disagreement between stellar evolution and short-period (δ Sct) variables.

G) IAU Disciplines

Commissions 27 and 35 (possibly also 33, 36, 37, and 47)

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to: prof. c. cacciari

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fm: b. szeidl,

konkoly observatory, budapest, hungary

re: conference 'confrontation between stellar pulsation and
evolution'

dear professor cacciari,

thank you very much for your tlx and for your letter of
21 december 1988. unfortunately i have not received your letter
of october 25.

i accept with great pleasure your invitation to the soc.

i think that this conference does not interfere with the others.
maybe this meeting should be organized either before or after the
nato workshop as you mentioned.

best regards,

bela szeidl

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to: dr.b.szeidl - konkoly observatory - budapest - hungary

fm: c.cacciari - osservatorio astronomico - bologna - italy

re: conference 'confrontation between stellar pulsation and evolution'

dear dr.szeidl,

i hope you have received my letters of 25 october and 21 december 1988, where i told you about the plans of organizing a conference on 'confrontation between stellar pulsation and evolution' in bologna in may 1990, and asked if you were willing to serve on the scientific organizing committee.

up to this moment , however, i have not received any reply from you, and i do not know whether this is because you have never received my letters, or because you do not wish to serve on the scieintific organizing committee.

since i must define the final composition of the soc soon, i would appreciate if you could reply to this telex as soon as possible.

in case i receive no answer, i will have to assume, regretfully, a negative answer.

i am looking forward to hearing from you. best regards.

carla cacciari

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