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Milky Way Arch over La Palma

This image, which shows the majestic band of the Milky Way and a range of culturally significant patterns, was taken in May 2022 at a very high altitude from the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory in La Palma, from which one can see the clouds below. Some prominent star patterns include Scorpius, Sagittarius, Lyra, Cygnus, Aquila, the Summer Triangle asterism, and the Teapot asterism.

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Preface

The IAU *Transactions* series report the activities that take place during the General Assembly (GA). These reports record all the essential decisions taken by the main governing body of the IAU: the approval of the financial accounts and of the proposed budget for the next triennium, the admission of new National Members and Individual members, the evaluation of Division and Commission reports, the approval of Resolutions, etc.

The GA should have taken place in 2021; unfortunately, it was set in disarray by the pandemic. The pandemic pervades everything. As a result, the Business Meetings took place virtually in 2021, and this is why the Executive Committee, in consultation with the South Korean Local Organising Committee, and especially Prof. Hyesung Kang, agreed to postpone the XXXIst General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU). So, in 2022 the IAU celebrated its General Assembly in Busan, South Korea. The General Assembly also welcomed the admission of 1956 new Individual and Junior Members.

A sincere thanks to the organisers for having prepared such a wonderful and enlightening General Assembly, including the added challenge of hybrid physical-remote attendance. Indeed, the hybrid sessions must have been difficult to organise. I thank them also for the preparation of the local events and outings. And all of this following a pandemic.

José Miguel Rodríguez Espinosa, General Secretary (2021–2023)

Additional Note

At the XXXth General Assembly in Vienna in 2018, Ian Robson was elected Assistant General Secretary and I was elected President-elect. Ian resigned in 2019. José Miguel Rodríguez Espinosa was appointed in his place, and became General Secretary in 2021. He resigned in October 2023, so I carried out the final edits of these Transactions over the subsequent months. I am grateful to José Miguel for his efforts on this volume.

Debra Meloy Elmegreen, President (2021–2024)