

## Preface

This volume of reports is the 2002 Annual Report of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS). The individual reports were contributed by VLBI groups in the international geodetic and astrometric community who constitute the permanent components of IVS.

The IVS 2002 Annual Report documents the work of the IVS components for the calendar year 2002, our fourth year of existence. The reports describe changes, activities, and progress of the IVS. Many thanks to the IVS components who contributed for the first time, or for the first time in years, to this Annual Report.

The entire contents of this Annual Report also appear on the IVS web site at

<http://ivscc.gsfc.nasa.gov/publications/ar2002>

This book and the web site are organized as follows:

- The first section contains general information about IVS, a map showing the location of the components, information about the Directing Board members, and the annual report of the IVS Chair.
- The second section of Special Reports contains a status report on the IVS Pilot Project for Tropospheric Parameters and a paper about development of the Mark 5 disk-based recording system and e-VLBI. The section also contains the document that specifies the VLBI Standard Interface for Software (VSI-S) and examples of usage.
- The next seven sections hold the component reports from the Coordinators, Network Stations, Operation Centers, Correlators, Data Centers, Analysis Centers, and Technology Development Centers.
- The last section includes reference information about IVS: the Terms of Reference, the lists of Member and Affiliated organizations, the IVS Associate Member list, a complete list of IVS components, the list of institutions contributing to this report, and a list of acronyms.