Preface

This volume is the proceedings of the first General Meeting of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS), held in the town of Kötzting, Germany, February 21-24, 2000. The content of this volume also appears on the IVS web site at:


The goal of the program committee for the General Meeting was to provide an interesting and informative program for a wide cross section of IVS members, including station operators, program managers, and analysts. The program included reports, tutorials, invited and contributed papers, and poster presentations. The tutorial papers should be particularly useful references because each one provides an overview and introduction to a topic relevant to VLBI.

This volume contains the following:

- **General information about the meeting.** This section includes the IVS Chair’s welcome address, a summary with some photographs, and the meeting press release.

- **The papers presented at the meeting.** There are nine major sections of this volume, each corresponding to a meeting session. The tutorial papers were given at the beginning of each session, and appear as the first papers in each section. There were a total of 16 invited tutorials presented, 27 contributed oral papers and 35 poster papers. This volume includes 62 papers; abstracts only are printed for four papers for which a paper was not provided for publication. Poster papers about IVS component status are not included in this volume; they will be available in electronic version on the IVS web site later this year and will be published in the 2000 Annual Report.

- **Reports from splinter meetings.** Included are reports about the 2001 “chiefs” meeting, the RFI workshop held at Wettzell, and the first Analysis Workshop.

- **A list of registered participants.**

- **The meeting program.**