

PREFACE

We are proud to organize the 4th Yugoslav-Romanian Astronomical Meeting (YuRoAM) and to publish this book containing the Proceedings. This conference is our small contribution to the friendship of our two peoples and to the better communication and the development of friendship and scientific collaboration between Romanian and Serbian astronomers.

During the visit of one of us (MSD) to the Astronomical observatory in Bucharest (9-14 May 1995), the agreement on collaboration has been signed on 12th May 1995 between Belgrade astronomical observatory and Romanian Astronomical institute whose members are the Astronomical observatories in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca and Timishoara. One of the results of this visit was the common proposition to organize regular annual meetings of Yugoslav and Romanian astronomers in order to stimulate collaboration and friendship.

The first Romanian-Yugoslav Round Table on cooperation in astronomy has been organized in Timishoara on 20 July 1995, the second in Belgrade on 8th October 1996 and the third in Cluj-Napoca on 6th September 1997. There has been decided to organize the fourth meeting not as an one-day round table, but as a several-day meeting with a printed book of proceedings. This book and the 4th YuRoAM are the realization of our decision and we hope that they will contribute to the collaboration, friendship and mutual relationship between Romanian and Yugoslav astronomers.

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