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In Memoriam

This book is dedicated to the memory of our esteemed colleagues

- Bernard AUBEUF
- Francis GILLET
- Henri GONTARD
- David LAZARO
- Roland PRAYER
- Patrick VIBERT

and of the other 19 persons who died on 1^{st} of July, 1999, in the tragic accident of the cable car giving access to the IRAM interferometer site or on december 15^{th}, 1999, in the crash of the helicopter ensuring transport between the Plateau de Bure and the valley.

Bernard AUBEUF and Patrick VIBERT had been with the IRAM interferometer since the very beginning of its construction. With the help of Henri GONTARD, they had assumed the difficult task of handling the cable car, the general maintenance of the Plateau de Bure buildings, as well as long days of snow clearing to allow the configuration changes in winter. Francis GILLET and Roland PRAYER had been regularly joining the IRAM staff for the summer maintenance, and for the construction of the antennas. David LAZARO was working in the workshop at IRAM headquarters as a precision mechanics.

15 employees of companies working as contractors for IRAM (either on the baseline extension, or on facilities like telephone equipment) also lost their lives in the first accident. 3 engineers working on the telepherique reconstruction and the pilot died in the helicopter crash.

These persons were not astronomers but without their efforts, millimeter astronomy would never have come to the Plateau de Bure site and you would not being reading this book. We wish to dedicate these proceedings to their memory.

Preface

This book contains the updated proceedings from the summer schools held at IRAM in Grenoble from September 14 to September 18, 1998 for IMISS1 and from June 12 to June 16, 2000 for IMISS2. Both schools were attended by more than 50 participants from abroad. Not all lectures have been put in written form: the schools also included a general introduction to millimeter astronomy by Dr. Clemens THUM (IRAM). IMISS2 also contained an introduction on interferometry from the point of view of the quantum mechanics by Dr. Dennis DOWNES (IRAM). A visit to the IRAM interferometer on Plateau de Bure was an essential part of the first school. In the second one, visits to the receiver and correlator laboratories were organized.

The schools would not have occurred without the dedication of Mrs Catherine BERJAUD, who kindly took care of all logistics problems before and during the schools. Dr. Stéphane GUILLOTEAU is also thanked for organizing IMISS1 and doing the edition of the first series of lectures.

During IMISS1, the visit to the interferometer would not have been possible without the contribution of the technical and operator staff of the telescope. Special thanks to the operators Sophie LEONARDON, Michel DAN and André RAMBAUD who also made the films which were presented as an introduction to the Plateau de Bure interferometer at IMISS2. We also acknowledge the receiver and correlator groups who managed the visits to the labs during IMISS2.

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Finally, Anne DUTREY would like to thank Mrs Cathy BERJAUD for a careful reading of the manuscript, fighting against the last typo errors.

Participants to IMISS1 and IMISS2

This section contains the list and e-mail addresses of participants to IMISS1 and IMISS2 and two photos taken during IMISS2.

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Figure 1: Participants to IMISS2

Figure 2: Participants to IMISS2

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