Minutes from the meeting of the Organizing Committee of the IAU Commission 22 held in Baltimore on July 17, 2008

Present: P. Spurný (president), J. Watanabe (vice-president), J. Borovička (secretary), P. Brown, G. Consolmagno, P. Jenniskens, H. Yano

Absent: J. Baggaley, A. Pellinen-Wannberg, V. Porubčan, I. Williams

1. Commission report

President of the Commission informed that he already submitted the report of Commission activities to the Division President. After an e-mail discussion, the report was prepared in a shorter form, concentrating on Commission activities and not compiling all scientific results in the field. The report will be published in the triennial IAU Transactions XXVIIA, Reports on Astronomy 2006-2009.

In addition, the Division President asked for one scientific highlight of the last period. The Organizing Committee decided to nominate the Carancas meteorite impact and all scientific work connected with this extraordinary event.

2. Future vice-president of the Commission

After the IAU General Assembly in 2009, J. Watanabe will become the new president of Commission 22 (possibly joined with Commission 21). It is a tradition that the outgoing president proposes the new vice-president. P. Spurný proposed P. Jenniskens as the new vice-president for the period 2009-2012. The present OC members approved unanimously this proposal. The absent OC members were informed about it immediately after the meeting and nobody was against. The new president, vice-president and OC members will be formally elected during the GA.

3. IAU General Assembly in 2009

P. Spurný informed that he will probably not be able to attend the next IAU General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in August 2009. J. Watanabe and other OC members (P. Jenniskens, J. Borovička, etc.) agreed to take care about the Commission 22 business meeting there.

4. Conference on Bolides and Meteorite Falls

All Commission members are invited to the Conference on Bolides and Meteorite Falls to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, on May 10-15, 2009 (see www.bolides09.com). The last business meeting of the Commission 22 Organizing Committee before the General Assembly will be held there as well.