
PREFACE

These Proceedings are dedicated to the memory of Karel Hamal, a veritable stalwart of the laser ranging community and one of its prime movers over many years. He attended every International Workshop on Laser Ranging (Instrumentation) since the first at Lagonissi, Greece in 1973. Only Mike Pearlman remains who can match that record. Karel was a great believer in these Workshops and was dynamic on many of their Program Committees. As well as being a brilliant and innovative scientist, he was also a thorough gentleman and a friend to many. Vale Karel.

This volume is being published in three forms:

1. A CD;
2. A book (paper) containing all received papers and some details of the Workshop;
3. On the Internet, most likely on:

<http://ilrs.gsfc.nasa.gov/reports/workshop/>

All papers received are included. Where authors have withdrawn their full papers, or not responded, their abstracts have been included when available.

Nearly all the PowerPoint presentations at the Workshop are available at:

<http://ilrscanberraworkshop2006.com.au>

and are useful adjuncts to the full manuscripts.

Originally, the deadline for submission of papers was set at mid-December 2006, i.e. about six weeks after the Workshop. This was hopelessly idealistic! About 60% of papers were in by the end of February, although not many from the Science Products session. It was felt that this was insufficient to proceed at that time. By 24th August, 113 papers had been received including session summaries, 6 were withdrawn by the authors and 6 were not received at all. I would like to thank the authors, especially those who submitted by the end of February, and the Session Chairs who harassed authors to submit. I also heartily thank Chris Moore, Peter Wilson, Nathan White, Ron Thompson and Jen Mullaney (and her successor, Sarah-Louise McHugh), all of EOS, for their great assistance in the production process.

A “Golden Gong” award was instituted for the last paper to be received and accepted. Several candidates were notified of their eligibility, and competition was fierce. The winner will be formally announced on a suitably sauspicious occasion. Finally, I profusely apologize to all previous editors for my own tardiness in submitting manuscripts. I can now feel that I have been adequately punished!



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