

WELCOME TO THE THIRD WET WORKSHOP

It is a great pleasure that we are hosting the Third WET Workshop in Ames, Iowa. Holding the workshop in Ames solidified the partnership between WET and the International Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physics. Through this partnership, we have been able to add an additional dimension to the WET collaboration by tapping into the resources of the world scientific community. In particular, funding for this workshop that allowed many participants to attend came, via IITAP, from UNESCO. In addition, IITAP has provided laboratory space and support for Ames to provide a control center during WET runs, such as XCOV12 in April/May of 1995. The addition of Ames as a base for WET operations signifies the broadening of the WET collaboration.

As discussed in the contribution from Dr. James Vary, WET and IITAP share many common goals. WET is a shining example of the possibilities of international collaborations on modest scales. In the broad picture, recognition of the success of WET as an international endeavor strengthens our collaboration. Participation by scientists from outside the usual institutions, geographic locations and scientific subdisciplines was higher than ever during this workshop. Broadening the base of scientific expertise and developing interest in the WET instrument, will continue to ensure a steadily increasing output of exciting new scientific results. The results of the workshop that are summarized in these proceedings represent some of the exciting frontiers in the study of stars and stellar evolution. Many of the issues discussed here were wholly unanticipated at the previous workshop in Lithuania in 1993; who knows what the exciting new phenomena will be uncovered before the 4th WET workshop in 1997?

The success of this WET Workshop and school program was in large part because most of the administrative details were handled by very capable people. Special thanks go to Dr. Alan Sommerer, IITAP Program Coordinator, for his tireless efforts in all aspects of organization of this workshop. The assistance of Rosslyn Boyd and Rochelle Dobaey made the administrative details of running the programs nearly invisible to us, allowing us to worry about (and enjoy) the scientific issues; their help was truly invaluable.

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