

Preamble:

In 1961 C.D. Shane, President of AURA and J. Gómez Millas, Rector of the University of Chile signed a "Cooperative Agreement to Establish a Southern Hemisphere Astronomical Observatory" (See attached copy, Item A). After CTIO started operating an "Implementation to the 1961 Cooperative Agreement between AURA and the University of Chile" was signed in August 1969 by V.M. Blanco on behalf of AURA and by Rector Ruy Barbosa of the U. of Chile (Attachment B). The purpose of this implementation document was to spell out how U. of Chile astronomers would be given preference in the use of CTIO's telescopes mentioned in the previous agreement. (See Attachment B)

On November 20, 1969 AURA's Executive Committee approved a proposal by V.M. Blanco that AURA establish a ^{cooperative with the U. of Chile} fellowship to help Chilean students obtain Ph.D. degrees and proposed that Sr. S. Tapia be awarded such a fellowship. At the same time, AURA's Executive Committee approved a request by V.M. Blanco that allowed CTIO to cover certain living and travel expenses for professional Chilean astronomers to visit U.S. Universities or Observatories to which they were invited during periods of one to three months. (Copy of this resolution is attached on Item C).

In June 18, 1973 the AURA Executive Committee approved a recommendation by V.M. Blanco that in addition to funds for visits to U.S. Universities and Observatories, University

of Chile professional astronomers be paid air-fare costs and reasonable per diem allowances to attend meetings outside of Chile where they would make significant contributions. These expenses would be covered to a maximum of \$5,000 per year. (See Attachment D).

On December 3, 1976 the experience gained since the implementation of the 1969 AURA Fellowship program was examined and ~~substituted~~ ^{new fellowship} by a program that took into account ^{was implemented in lieu of the fellowships} the then current economic situation in Chile. According to the new program special fellowships would be granted by CTIO to aid professional astronomers engaged in meritorious research programs by granting a monthly stipend and covering publication costs and travel expenses to present results in the U.S. (See Attachment E.)

As of July 1979, ~~experience shows that~~ no extended visits to U.S. Universities or observatories have been implemented ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ ^{with} ~~to~~ accordance the November 20, 1969 AURA Executive Committee Action, and ~~that~~ no research grants that could be covered by the Dec 3, 1976 Action have been ^{awarded} ~~implemented~~. Furthermore, the 1968 "Implementation" agreement between U. of Chile's Rector Ruy Barbosa and V.M. Blanco on behalf of AURA covered usage by U. of Chile on the then installed telescopes at CTIO. At present the 1-m, the 60 cm, and the 4-m telescopes appear to be outside the scope of that "Implementation", although it has never been AURA's intention to exclude these instruments from a modified "Implementation" agreement. Also, on June 1979

AURA's executive committee gave the CTIO Director the authority to close down both 40 cm telescopes. One of these instruments is reserved for U. of Chile astronomers according to the August 1968 "Implementation". ^{Because of} ~~For~~ all of these reasons it appears timely to work out a new implementation agreement that will replace that of August 1968, and that will spell out in one single document the most effective ways that AURA can promote the growth of astronomy in Chile through its interactions with the U. of Chile.