

IUE USER GUIDELINES

At its meeting on April 23, 1979, the IUE NASA Users' Committee reviewed the User Guidelines and approved a revised version which is given below. These Guidelines summarize the rights and responsibilities IUE users have with respect to their observing programs and should be read carefully by all observers.

1. Digressions from an Accepted Program

It is recognized that it may not be possible at one time to fill completely an observing period with the approved targets from an accepted program. Requests for deviation from the approved program may be granted by the Project Scientist provided there is no conflict with the aims of other accepted observing programs. In the case of conflict, collaboration with the Users having accepted programs in the area of interest should be worked out directly between the observer and the said users. A letter from the User who heads up the program in question should be on file with the Project Scientist authorizing such collaboration. It is recommended that at least 75 percent of the observing time be devoted to the original accepted program.

2. Collaboration

IUE Users may work with the data related to their accepted program in any manner they choose, accepting collaborators or passing the data on to colleagues. For programs involving extensive observing efforts by the IUE staff astronomers, the staff astronomers shall be named as co-authors on papers resulting from their observations. In all cases their help shall be acknowledged. The IUE Project Scientist will identify those cases where IUE staff co-authorship is appropriate.

3. Distribution of Data

An IUE User has sole right to his observational data for six months after acquisition of the data. At six months or more after all data for a processed spectrum has been sent, NASA, the UK and ESA may distribute the observational data to astronomers asking for it. This distribution will be effected through the Data Centers of the three agencies. Distribution by NASA will be accomplished according to the rules of the National Space Science Data Center.

4. Targets of Opportunity

Novae and supernovae and like targets of opportunity shall be observed by staff astronomers at the discretion of the Project Scientist. When a target of opportunity appears, contact will be made as soon as possible with Users proposing work on such targets and these users will be asked to come to Goddard to aid in the observations. The observations will be distributed to those Users approved to collaborate on a study of the target object.

Any time pre-empted for any reason, scientific or technical, will be reimbursed at a later time as soon as possible.

5. Publication

Each IUE User is expected to prepare his results for publication and to submit his paper to a scientific journal for publication. Each IUE User is required to submit preprints and reprints of his papers to the IUE Project Scientist.

All publications resulting from the use of the IUE Observatory should be identified by the following footnote which should be attached to the author's name* on the title page:

*Guest observer with the International Ultraviolet Explorer satellite.