

The IUE NASA Users' Committee

During the pre-launch planning and construction of IUE, the Project obtained advice on the instrument design and on operating plans from an Astronomy Working Group whose membership was drawn from the approved users plus other experts on instrumentation. This group has recently been reconstituted as the IUE NASA Users' Committee, with the responsibilities of representing the interests of the Users and advising the Project on all policy matters regarding the scientific operation of the satellite. The Committee will meet about every six months for the lifetime of the project, and members' terms are staggered so that two new members will be elected at each meeting. New members are elected by the Committee, based on nominations received from the Users-at-large. You are encouraged to nominate for membership individuals whom you believe would help us make the project productive and responsive to the needs of the Users. Nominations may be submitted informally at any time to the Project Scientist or to any other member of the Committee.

IUE Users should always feel free to discuss their problems or concerns with the Project Scientist or members of the Project staff. In addition, however, the members of the Users' Committee are prepared to discuss problems with Users, particularly on matters of policy or subjects of general concern. The present membership of the Committee is listed below in order of seniority.

Membership Ends

Fall, 1979	Andrea K. Dupree Jeffrey L. Linsky
Spring, 1980	John H. Black H. Warren Moos
Fall, 1980	Arthur L. Lane Blair D. Savage
Spring, 1981	Yoji Kondo Theodore P. Show
Fall, 1981	George H. Herbig Richard F. Green
Ex-Officio	Albert Boggess Donald K. West

The Users' Committee met on April 23 and 24 and discussed subjects such as the status of current observing programs, the policies used in scheduling observing time, what is being done to speed up delivery of processed data, plans for improvements in data processing, the revised observers' guidelines which are published elsewhere in this Newsletter, and the overall IUE budget. The next meeting of the Users' Committee is presently scheduled to be held at Goddard Space Flight Center on September 17 and 18, 1979. Committee meetings are open; if you wish to attend it would be wise to verify the dates a few weeks in advance.

Albert Boggess