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Preface

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The conference presented and discussed problems of development of astronomy including the problems and prospects of astronomy with reference to the information revolution. The conference comprised the following sections:

- Education and teaching of astronomy and popularization of astronomy
- Astrometry and celestial mechanics of the solar system
- Physics of stars and interstellar medium
- Galaxies and cosmology
- The Sun

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