

Preface

This volume of reports is the 2000 Annual Report of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS). The individual reports were contributed by VLBI groups in the international geodetic and astrometric community who constitute the permanent components of IVS.

The IVS 2000 Annual Report documents the work of the IVS components for the period March 1, 1999 (the official inauguration date of IVS) through December 31, 2000. The reports document changes, activities, and progress of the IVS.

The entire contents of this Annual Report also appear on the IVS web site at

<http://ivscc.gsfc.nasa.gov/publications/ar2000>

This book and the web site are organized as follows:

- The first section contains general information about IVS, a map showing the location of the components, information about the Directing Board members, and the report of the IVS Chair.
- The second section of Special Reports contains a status report of the IVS Working Group on GPS phase center mapping, a reproduction of the resolution making IVS a Service of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), and a reprint of the VLBI Standard Interface (VSI).
- The next seven sections hold the component reports from the Coordinators, Network Stations, Operation Centers, Correlators, Data Centers, Analysis Centers, and Technology Development Centers.
- The last section includes reference information about IVS: the Terms of Reference, the lists of Member and Affiliated organizations, the IVS Associate Member list, a complete list of IVS components, the list of institutions contributing to this report, and a list of acronyms.

The 2000 Annual Report demonstrates the vitality of the IVS and the outstanding progress we have made during our first 22 months.