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The various sessions covered virtually every aspect of compact objects including galactic nuclei, white dwarfs, galactic black hole candidates, X-ray binaries, millisecond pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, accretion disks and jets. To squeeze so much into a five day meeting required many long sessions that in several cases ended late in the evening. The sessions were made up mainly of invited reviews followed by a number of recent observational or theoretical developments. Many of the shorter papers were presented as posters, displayed in an adjoining room to the main lecture hall. This provided a focal point for discussions and ensured that everyone had an opportunity to present their latest work. The quality and clarity of the talks was of the highest standard, which made such a grueling schedule tolerable and often highly stimulating. The unusually broad national mix of astrophysicists made for refreshing new insights as well establishing new contacts and collaborations.

Many people contributed to the overall success of the meeting. As chairman of the scientific organising committee I would like to thank the other members of the committee for suggesting topics and speakers, as well as leading the discussion during the meeting. Those members of the SOC who attended the meeting were G. Bignami (IAU representative), L. Filipov, S. Holt, K. Hurley, R. Sunyaev, V. Tatischev, J. Trümper and D.P.J. van den Heuvel. Other members of the scientific organising committee were J. Bahcall, A. Fabian, D. Helfand and J. Smak. In addition to the prearranged program, an evening session was added to the supernova in the Large Magellanic Cloud, 1987A. In spite of the late hour of the session it was one of the best attended and attracted much discussion. Steve Holt, the session chairman, deserves much credit for organising it at short notice and the speakers for providing excellent overviews. The local organising committee was jointly led by Prof B. Bonev and Dr L. Filipov of the Space Research Institute in Sofia. Without their generous local financial support the meeting would not have been possible. They deserve much credit for the smooth flow of the meeting. I would also like to thank Maria Metatchieva, the local coordinator, for her tireless efforts. The COSPAR secretariat, under Z. Niemirowicz and the IAU, under J.P. Guillet, also appreciated