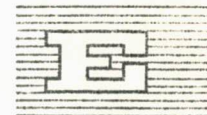


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The standardization of the names of celestial bodies as topographical objects, i.e. details of surface features of the Moon, Mars, Venus and other planets of the solar system, is as important as that of the names on the Earth.

So far celestial bodies have been given names by astronomers. Nowadays also surveyors, geologists, geomorphologists, cartographers, topographers, and other experts are concerned in the investigation and mapping of the planets.

The number of new celestial bodies serving topographical objects keeps on increasing and bringing about an ever greater number of appropriate names.

Due to the present stupendous research of space, the International Astronomical Union (I.A.U.) as well as the U.N. terminological authorities represented in the groups of U.N.O. experts in geographical terminology, who have great experiences in the formation and usage of geographical names on the Earth, face a very important task of allocating names even to newly discovered celestial bodies.

Even though the formation of terminology for earthly objects cannot be fully applied to celestial bodies, a cooperation of the U.N.O. special group for geographical names with the corresponding commission of the International Astronomical Union is necessary and useful.

Only a close cooperation of those two authorities can lead to the formation of really good terminology for celestial topographical objects.

Viewpoint:

The Czechoslovak delegation fully supports the suggestion of the Soviet Union concerning the standardization of the names of celestial bodies as topographical objects, and is convinced that the Commission headed by Mr. A.M.Komkoff (U.S.S.R.) will prove equal to the task. We are ready to take part in the challenging effort developed by the Commission.