

PREFACE

The extreme geography of Chile and of Antarctica were the settings for sessions of the meeting on “Black Holes and the Structure of the Universe”, from which this volume stems.

The meeting, held in August 1997, was made possible by a joint effort in which the government, the private sector and the Chilean Air Force, among others, took part. This common will for the cause of science and the understanding of the Universe meant much for the society at large in a country still confronting divisions from the past. To all those who made it possible, especially the participants and the speakers who came from all over the world, we extend our profound gratitude.

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