## FOREWORD

The present volume 10 of the "Odessa Astronomical Publications" (News of the Astronomical observatory) is the collection of papers based on the reports and posters presented at the International scientific conference "Variable stars", which was devoted to the 90-th Anniversary of the birthday of Vladimir Platonovich Tsessevich (1907-1983), the famous researcher of variable stars of the 20-th century.

The present conference has become traditional, carried out of time per four years both organized Astronomical Observatory and Department of Astronomy of the Odessa State University named after I.I.Mechnikov together with the Odessa Astronomical Society and at the support of the Euroasian Astronomical Society (Moscow) and the Ukrainian Astronomical Association (Kiev).

The conference took place on September 1-5, 1997 in the Odessa city, to which V.P.Tsessevich was connected during the last 39 years of his life, in the city, in which V.P.Tsessevich has organized and has carried out the research of large number of variable stars of different types, has created the school of researchers of variable stars, was the head of the Department of Astronomy and director of the Astronomical Observatory.

At the conference "Variable stars", the memorial session was carried out and worked 5 sections. During the conference, alltogether 93 scientific reports and 37 posters were presented. Some of the reports presented at the conference, were published in other editions. Other 52 scientific papers and notes are offered to the reader in the present issue of the journal.

We thank the sponsorship of the Odessa department of the 'Vidrodzhennya' (renaissance) foundation and of the company "Odessagas".