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The Fourth Texas-Mexico Conference on Astrophysics was held in Austin, Texas on 1-2 March 1993. The meeting was organized into four topical sessions – Galactic and Extragalactic H II Regions, Nebulous Stellar Ejecta, Star Formation and the ISM, and Active Galactic Nuclei – with each topic consisting of three or four invited talks. There were a total of 13 invited talks and 36 contributed poster papers which are reported in the succeeding articles in this issue of *Revista*.

This conference series arose out of the recognition of the mutual areas of research of the astronomers at the University of Texas, Rice University, and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. The first meeting was held in Austin in April 1986 and the results were published in *PASP*, Vol. 98, No. 608 (October 1986). The second meeting was in Mexico City in February 1989 and the proceedings appeared in Vol. 18 (September 1989) of *RMAA*. The third meeting was held in Houston in February 1991, and the results were published in *PASP*, Vol. 103, No. 666 (August 1991). Although intended to emphasize participation by our own scientists, the conference again attracted outside scientists, in this case 13 scientists from 10 different institutions.

Reginald Dufour, Gregory Shields (Chairman), Evan Skillman, and Silvia Torres-Peimbert served as the Scientific Organizing Committee. The University of Texas kindly provided the funds that made possible the meeting. Greg Shields was in charge of the local organization, which together with the University of Texas colleagues provided the warm and friendly atmosphere in which this conference took place. We would like to thank all of the participants for contributing to a lively meeting which we hope is reflected by these proceedings.

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