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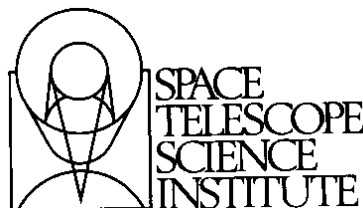
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## Preface

The Space Telescope Science Institute Symposium on “A Decade of HST Science” took place during 11–14 April 2000.

There is no doubt that the *Hubble Space Telescope (HST)* in its first decade of operation has had a profound impact on astronomical research. But *HST* did much more than that. It literally brought a glimpse of the wonders of the universe into millions of homes worldwide, thereby inspiring an unprecedented public curiosity and interest in science.

*HST* has seen farther and sharper than any optical/UV/IR telescope before it. Unlike astronomical experiments that were dedicated to a single, very specific goal, *HST*'s achievements are generally not of the type of singular discoveries. More often, *HST* has taken what were existing hints and suspicions from ground-based observations and has turned them into certainty.

In other cases, the level of detail that *HST* has provided forced theorists to re-think previous broad-brush models, and to construct new ones that would be consistent with the superior emerging data. In a few instances, the availability of *HST*'s razor-sharp vision at critical events provided unique insights into individual phenomena.

These proceedings represent a part of the invited talks that were presented at the symposium, in order of presentation. We thank the contributing authors for preparing their papers.

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