

Dear Reader, Dear Author,

the past year consolidated some editorial changes for the *Astronomische Nachrichten* / *Astronomical Notes* (AN) universe, both for authors and for readers. With the present volume 344 in 2023, we now rely on the ScholarOne submission platform as the only way for submitting articles to AN. It has proven to be the most used portal among last year's submissions. Visible on the product, that is, on your research article, we implemented eLocators instead of the sequential page numbers. An eLocator is a unique identifier, basically the well-known digital object identifier (doi) that serves the same function as page numbers in the print world.

AN also entered the article open access era. Authors from an institution affiliated with an open access deal may publish primary research and review articles with open access at no charge to the author. An increasing amount of submissions now benefits from this, and so does the visibility of the Journal. As a so-called hybrid journal, AN remains a subscription-based journal, though. Except for open access articles, no page charges are being levied. AN's most recent ISI-Journal Impact Factor is now 0.95. As before, the Leibniz-Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP) continued to host the editorial office in close collaboration with Wiley-VCH GmbH in Berlin.

Volume 343 (2022) covered ten issues with 79 peer-reviewed research articles. It again covered a large variety of topics from instrumentation projects and observing campaigns to theoretical studies and numerical simulations. Two special issues were edited in 2022. Issue 1-2 by Guest Editors Luka Č. Popović, Saša Simić & Andjelka Kovačević on "Spectral Line Shapes in Astrophysics" with a total of 23 articles, and Issue 4 by Norbert Scharrel, on "A high-energy view of exoplanets and their environments" with 17 articles. Most of these proceedings articles were also published open access.

The editorial team of AN is now looking forward to another year of your valuable submissions. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

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