

Dear Reader, Dear Author,

with the present first issue of volume 345 in 2024, we enter the 203rd year of continuous appearance of *Astronomische Nachrichten* / *Astronomical Notes* (AN). Not bad, even by astronomical standards. Needless to recall the changes that scientific publishing had gone through over the years and currently still is, and thus also changed AN. Myself being an active researcher/author and flooded daily with article-submission invitations from journals and places I never heard of, I state here that I ever more appreciate a simple and concise research paper where I know that other folks have already had a critical look, and which I can download for no extra charge. The tricky part for our journal is to be of high standard on the one hand while also being openly accessible at the same time, preferably without costs. The end product, your research paper, shall nevertheless be a peer-reviewed, content-, and thus a user-oriented, widely distributed and easily retrievable article that I am, as maybe a typical astro author, keen and happy to cite. AN's aim is nothing less.

The editorial changes in the recent years consolidated the above aim. We now rely on the ScholarOne submission platform for user interaction, eLocators instead of the sequential page numbers for easy identification, a modern web appearance where you can find the latest but also all historical volumes of AN, and open access as part of the European DEAL treaty. AN's most recent ISI-Journal Impact Factor is 0.95. We hope to improve this. In any case, the editorial team of AN is eagerly looking forward to another year of your valuable submissions. Papers are welcomed in all fields of astronomy, astrophysics, and solar-system research as well as related aspects in instrumentation, astrobiologic and historic studies. Many thanks in advance.

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