

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Dear Reader, Author,

With the present first issue of volume 341 in 2020, we start the 199th year of the continuous appearance of *Astronomische Nachrichten/Astronomical Notes* (*AN*). In 2021, *AN* will thus be 200 years old. The Leibniz-Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP) continued hosting the *AN* editorial office in close collaboration with Wiley VCH Berlin. Last year's volume of *AN* featured 114 peer-reviewed research articles with a total of over 800 pages. It again covered a large variety of topics, from instrumentation projects and observing campaigns to numerical simulations and analytical magneto-hydrodynamics. *AN*'s most recent ISI Journal Impact Factor was 1.29 and continues to rise.

Four special issues were edited in 2019. One covered IWARA2018, the 8th "International Workshop on Astronomy and Relativistic Astrophysics" in Peru (*AN* Vol. 340, issue 1–3). The issue presented theoretical, experimental, and observational studies that contemplate the most recent results in the fields of general relativity, gravitation, and cosmology. Another issue was dedicated to "Time-Domain Astronomy: A High Energy View" des XMM-Newton Science Operations Center (*AN* Vol. 340, issue 4), followed by the 16th INTEGRAL/BART Workshop IBWS on "High-energy astrophysics, small satellites, and related ground experiments" in Karlovy Vary (*AN* Vol. 340, issue 7). The last issue of the year saw the combined proceedings of STARS2019 and SMFNS2019 in

Havana, Cuba. STARS2019 stands for "5th Caribbean Symposium on Cosmology, Gravitation, Nuclear and Astroparticle Physics" and SMFNS2019 for the "6th International Symposium on Strong Electromagnetic Fields and Neutron Stars". Both were edited by guest editors led by César Augusto Zen Vasconcellos (*AN* Vol. 340, issue 9–10).

As in the past, publication in *AN* continues to be free of charge. In addition, all articles of the first issue of each year can be downloaded free of charge, as can all articles labelled "Editor's Choice," which are often additionally featured with a color image on the front cover. Naturally, *AN* is linked to all major net-based libraries and can be found in the SAO/NASA ADS library. Electronic publishing meant that *AN* appeared in Hyper Text Markup Language in the past years and is now also readable on smartphones. In this course, the article layout itself was also updated in mid-2019, and so was the front cover. Authors can still edit and submit their work in LaTeX by using a new *AN* template but could also do so in a simple ASCII format or MS Word. Special issues may also be ordered in print form if desired.

So, why not submit your next paper to *AN*?

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