

EDITORIAL

In January 2017, a reorganization of the journal Contributions of the Astronomical Observatory Skalnaté Pleso (CAOSP) was made. A new bylaw of the journal was endorsed by the Scientific board of the Astronomical Institute and subsequently authorized by the Director of the Institute at the meeting on December 14, 2016.

First of all, organization of the editorial, peer-review and publishing processes is now consistent with that of other high-ranking academic journals in the field. For both authors and readers, these processes are free of charge. Publication of the journal is partly funded by the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

The new bylaw significantly speeds up the whole publishing process. The average time from receiving a manuscript to the final decision is 2-5 weeks, depending on the progress of the editor-referee-author communication. Accepted manuscripts are published online within a few days after the language and technical proof-sheets.

We discontinued publishing Supplements of the journal. Instead, extended tables and other data-sets (e.g. spectra) are published only electronically, being archived at a server of the Astronomical Institute in Tatranská Lomnica. Archiving the data should increase the value of the articles and their impact on the community as well.

Language editing is provided for most papers by an experienced language editor. Improving English to a standard level allows to maintain the overall clarity of published articles.

We began to publish also review articles by experts in the field. Review articles should be written to a wide audience of astronomers, including students.

Occasionally, we may also publish conference proceedings as special issues of the journal. In this way we aim to reinforce the journal and disseminate our work to a wider astronomical community.

Authors are also welcome to submit their articles to arXiv.

As to technical aspects, a new, slightly modified L^AT_EX document class for the journal is available along with the corresponding template/demo-file. The new bibliography style enables now to use BibTeX. The authors are strongly encouraged to do so to facilitate their work with the bibliography.

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