

## PREFACE

Progress in astrophysics and astronomy in the last few decades has been phenomenal and there is therefore little need for justification when a new international journal makes its debut as a rapid means of dissemination of scientific results. This heartening trend arises from major advances in both theory and observation, especially with the revolutionary technological achievements of recent years that have opened up avenues of research over the entire electromagnetic spectrum. In keeping with the general concept of the international character of astronomy, activity in almost all these fields has become a worldwide feature with numerous contributions coming in from areas of the globe that earlier had provided less effective participation. It is our hope that the new journal will provide the additional facility needed for quick publication of the results of research from members of an expanding fraternity. It is also indicative of the measure of optimism we have in the future growth of astronomical endeavour on the international scale.

We invite accounts of original contributions to any area of astronomy and astrophysics, observational and theoretical. There will be no levy of page charges. All papers are refereed and will appear with a minimum publication time-lag after acceptance. It is our wish to aim at a high quality of scientific content and there by contribute to the promotion of astronomical research.

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