

EDITORIAL

The year 1984 is significant as the Golden Jubilee year of the Indian Academy of Sciences. The Indian National Science Academy, which is one of the collaborators in the publication of this journal, will also be celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 1984. With the present issue, *Pramana* (a journal of physics) has started on its twentysecond volume during the eleventh year of its publication. It is therefore appropriate to begin this issue with a brief editorial note, mainly to highlight the future plans of the journal.

In connection with its Golden Jubilee, the Indian Academy of Sciences will bring out special Golden Jubilee Numbers of all its journals. The special number of *Pramana* is expected to be brought out in April, containing original contributions from distinguished scientists in India and abroad. Apart from the Golden Jubilee Number, the regular issues of the journal in 1984 will also contain other invited contributions.

Recently the editorial board of the journal has taken two important decisions. In addition to the original research papers, which the journal has so far been publishing, *Pramana* will hereafter publish review papers on topics of current interest. These will normally be invited and will also contain the author's own contributions in the field. Authors wishing to contribute review articles should normally get in touch with the editor in order to avoid duplication of effort and to ensure speedy publication.

Secondly, the journal has commenced publishing a "Letters" section for rapid publication of significant new results which are likely to have a considerable impact. These Letters are in the nature of short research communications which are normally followed by full research papers and which assure scientist priority on the basis of publication in the Letters section. These will be different from short notes, which are pieces of limited scope and not requiring rapid publication.

The other measures taken by the Academy also need to be mentioned here. The journal will hereafter be composed by computer photo-composition and printed by an offset process. This should give the journal an even better appearance and get-up. Efforts have also been made to improve the foreign circulation of the journal by having a formal understanding with a reputed professional firm in Switzerland which has assumed the responsibility for the promotion and distribution abroad of all the journals of the Academy.

It is hoped that these steps will offer our scientists a wider range of services and encourage them to publish in *Pramana* a larger number of their papers and thus help us realise our original aim (see Editorial Vol. 1, No. 1

July 1973) to branch out into theme journals. The authors, who submit their good papers, and the anonymous referees, who offer the constructive criticisms, are the persons responsible for improving the level of the journal. The editorial board likes to thank all these persons for their sustained support.

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