

Editorial Note: Supplements to Pramana – J. Physics

This issue is a supplement to volume 41 of our journal, and contains papers presented at the DAE symposium on high energy physics, held in Bombay in December 1992. Many journals bring out supplementary issues. At a recent Editorial Board meeting the feeling was expressed that reviving this practice (which Pramana has used in the past) had some advantages for the journal and its readers, especially if the articles were carefully chosen and brought out fairly quickly. We thank Probir Roy and Sunanda Banerjee for their efforts in bringing out the camera-ready manuscripts. Based on our experience in this case, we feel that it should be possible to achieve a gap as short as six months between the meeting and appearance of the supplement in future. In fact, this supplement is a welcome opportunity to try out computer-based word processing which makes for a significant saving of cost and effort and may ultimately be applicable to the main journal as well.

Suggestions for such supplementary issues to future volumes are welcome and may be conveyed to the Editors or Editorial Board members. Apart from high scientific standards, the potential interest to a significant fraction of our readership as well as other factors (prior commitment to other supplement for example) will be considered in arriving at the final decision regarding any such proposal. While carefully selected conference proceedings seem to be the most likely possibility, material from advanced research level workshops and smaller topical meetings can also be considered applying the same criteria. The underlying hope is that through supplements, we will be in a better position to reflect the best work going on in the country and possibly win more authors and readers for the main journal as well. At present, it may be practical to have at most one supplement to each volume and even so, the implications for the resources of the Academy, both human and financial, have to be considered seriously. The experiment has been launched nonetheless and we look forward to co-operation from all sides in making it a success.

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