

Editorial

Pramana – Journal of Physics was launched in July 1973, as an outcome of a nationwide effort by Indian physicists to disseminate their best efforts in Physics. *Pramana* has evolved remarkably since then. In 2008, one fourth of the papers published in *Pramana* were contributed by researchers outside India. Today, it receives contributions from over 14 countries, and 40% of the published papers are from authors abroad.

Pramana is now a part of SpringerLink database, and distributed in print outside India and online worldwide by Springer, co-publisher of the journal together with the Indian Academy of Sciences. While the character of *Pramana* has evolved into an international journal, it will surely benefit greatly from stronger contributions from within India.

An effective way to improve a journal (in all measures including the Impact Factor) is to make it attractive to its contributors and readers. This can be accomplished by (a) being selective in accepting papers representing work of significance, (b) ensuring that the presentation of work in a manuscript is lucid and accessible, and (c) making processing of a manuscript efficient and transparent.

In the background of increasing number of manuscripts being received for consideration by *Pramana*, the Editorial Board is working hard to be selective of the papers of high significance, which (a) involve new physics, (b) further our understanding of physical phenomena, and (c) are presented in a form accessible to general physics audience.

In addition to covering current research in all branches of physics, through both original contributions and

invited reviews, *Pramana* publishes proceedings of select high-quality conferences and also special thematic issues devoted to advances in specific areas of physics. We welcome proposals for such thematic issues in the areas of present importance, for example, gravitational waves, soft matter, topological materials, physics of two-dimensional crystals etc.

To improve efficiency, we are migrating from the current mode of publishing to Continuous Article Publishing (CAP) mode. As a result, each accepted article will be published online immediately with a DOI and article citation ID (page number starting from 1). As an article will be visible in Web of Science immediately, its visibility and possible impact will be improved significantly through shorter time taken for publication. I must note that the format of a paper in *Pramana* has also been changed to a two-column, larger size format from this volume, in conformity with most of the other journals of the Academy.

With these changes in *Pramana*, we hope that many researchers will consider *Pramana* as a platform for publication of their important works in Physics, and also find some of the *Pramana* papers useful and relevant to their ongoing work.

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