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## **Editorial**

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A new Editorial Board is taking up its function with the present issue of *Astronomy and Astrophysics Review*. This is an opportunity to think about the purpose and the aims of the journal. The board held this discussion over the last months and in particular at a meeting that took place in Liège in July 2005 during the annual meeting of the European Astronomical Society.

The *Astronomy and Astrophysics Review* will aim in the future, as in the past years, to publish reviews on all topics of astrophysics. The reviews will be invited from leading researchers in their fields. We intend to visit the fields at regular intervals with a frequency that depends on the progress made. Furthermore, the board expects the articles to provide a balanced, but where appropriate critical, view on the advances in the field under review. In addition to insisting on authoritative reviews that serve as a reference in a given subject, the Editorial Board will pay particular attention to obtaining articles that can be read by an audience wider than the specialists of a given field. Articles published in *The Astronomy and Astrophysics Review* shall also provide an accessible overview of a given field to lecturers, students and researchers working in other areas of astronomy and astrophysics. This should allow many of us to find in this review journal first rate material for lectures and other forms of communication of astronomy as a whole and to enhance our understanding of progress further from home.

The new Board is composed of T. Encrenaz, M.C.E. Huber, R. Morganti, C. Norman, M.A.C. Perryman, A. Quirrenbach, J. Surdej and the undersigned. It includes researchers with a broad knowledge in a number of different domains of modern astronomy. This ensures that all areas will be competently covered by the journal. As L. Woltjer steps down from his function of Editor we would like to thank him for having established together with M.C.E. Huber (who stays in the board for another year) a tool, which already gave the community a set of high quality reviews. We look forward to continue and enhance this tool in the coming years.

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