

## EDITORIAL

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The present issue of SERBIAN ASTRONOMICAL JOURNAL is the last one edited by the two of us. We resigned not because we were tired of our service to the astronomical community but due to the old tradition of the Belgrade Astronomical Observatory that its Director is automatically the Editor-in-Chief of its publications. We therefore gladly give the opportunity to the new Director, in charge since July 1st. 2002, to organize the publishing activity according to his conceptions. One of us (M.S.D.) was appointed Editor on January 1st. 1984 (from No. 135), becoming the Editor-in-Chief in 1987 (from No. 137). The other one (L.Č.P.) is the Editor since 1994 (from No. 150). During this period the *Bulletin de l'Observatoire Astronomique de Belgrade* merged with the *Publications of the Department of Astronomy*, changing its name into *Bulletin Astronomique de Belgrade* from No. 145 in 1992, to finally become *Serbian Astronomical Journal* in 1998, from No. 157.

Accordingly, of a "Bulletin" we made a "Journal". For example, in the period 1971-1984 (Nos. 125-134) in *Bull. Obs. Astron. Belgrade*, practically only the associates of the Belgrade Observatory published their papers, save for a few individuals from the Belgrade University. We found within this period the name of one sole foreign astronomer – from the USSR – namely V. A. Fomin, among the authors. In the period 1985–2002 in the Serbian Astronomical Journal published their communications not only astronomers from Yugoslavia but also from Belgium, China, France, Italy, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, USA. Our authors from outside of Yugoslavia are:

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We are grateful to these authors for having chosen our journal, thereby conferring on the *Serbian Astronomical Journal* an international standing. This is also a suitable opportunity to thank the numerous referees who contributed to our Journal being better. During this period the referees officially registered (a number of them, mainly belonging to the editorial boards, remain unregistered) have been (in Brackets is the number of papers they reviewed):

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In our register, in which M.S.D. began entering the submitted articles from January 1st, 1984, up to now, 455 of them are inscribed. A part of them has been published in *Publications of the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade*, only 24 of them having been turned down. Namely, we always strived to help our colleagues, in cases their articles did not meet the required standards, to improve them or to extract from them those parts which were still of interest. In this we had a valuable assistance from our reviser of English – Ljubiša A. Mitić – who invested a great deal of labour not only to improve English versions of articles, but to make their contents more clear and receptive.

On comparing the period 1971–1984 (Nos. 125–134), i.e. ten Numbers published on 560 pages during 14 years preceding our assuming the charge (No. 134 published in 1984 was edited in 1983) we see that Nos. 135–144 have been published in seven years (1985–1991) on 1150 pages. Nos. 145–154 in five years (1992–1996) on 1327 pages and Nos. 155–164, also in five years (1997–2001) on 1317 pages. From 1991 on, we increased the number of issues per year to two. It is also worth noting that from 1993 on, the Serbian Astronomical Journal appears in the ADS data system, and is available on www. The www addresses are: <http://www.aob.bg.ac.yu> and <http://adswwww.harvard.edu/BOBeo>. One should thereby take into account that all this has been achieved in circumstances of grave general instability, shortage of money, hyperinflation, war and bombardment of our country. We would like to once again express our gratitude to all who helped us and hope that now, in peace and greatly improved economic situation, the Journal will continue developing and that it will continue being useful to the astronomical community both within and without our country.