

## PREFACE

Professor Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was a legend well within his own lifetime, and continues to be so after his death on August 21, 1995. Thus it is not surprising that many institutions, in India, in the United States, and elsewhere chose to celebrate in various ways the 100th anniversary of his birth on October 19, 1910. One of these celebrations took place at the University of Chicago, where he joined the faculty in January, 1937. He remained there for the rest of his life.

The Chandrasekhar Centennial Symposium at the University of Chicago was held from October 15-17, with the International Planning Committee being co-chaired by Professors Robert Wald and Kameshwar C. Wali. It included both scientific and personal reminiscences by students and colleagues who had known him quite well, and reports by other scholars on topics that he had pioneered. This special issue of BASI includes written versions of some of those talks and additional articles covering topics not represented at the conference by other distinguished astrophysicists.

One of us (VT) was the PhD student of Professor Chandrasekhar's student, Professor Guido Munch, and was lucky to know him at a level that entitled one to address him as Chandra. It has been a privilege for both of us to edit this issue of BASI as a tribute to Professor Chandrasekhar on his birth centenary.

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