



From the Editor

The Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of India (BASIS) has been the first Indian journal to cross an impact factor (IF) of 2 as listed by Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports (JCR) with an IF of 2.600 for 2010 (Jain 2011). During 2011, it continued to lead all Indian journals with a slightly improved IF of 2.722 as listed in JCR-2011, with the ones with an IF greater than 1.0 being almost entirely from either the medical or biological sciences (Gunasekaran & Arunachalam 2012). Although this is good news for the Society, this has been dependent on a limited number of well-cited papers, and BASIS could do with much more active support from within our community itself.

During 2012, 31 review and research papers by 90 authors were published in the Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of India, with approximately a half of the authors being from India, which is an improvement, and the other half being largely from North America and Europe. This year includes the special 2012 September issue on novae, co-edited by G.C. Anupama, where many leading workers in the field contributed, and two reviews by the Professor M. K. Vainu Bappu gold medal awardees, Niayesh Afshordi and Nissim Kanekar, based on their medal acceptance lectures.

ASI Conference Series (ASICS)

The following four volumes of the ASI Conference Series have been processed during 2012. Volume 4 has been published and circulated, and the remaining volumes will be circulated shortly.

ASICS Volume 4:

Recent advances in star formation: observations and theory

Editors: Annapurni Subramanian and Sumedh Anathpindika

ISBN 978-81-922926-2-5

ASICS Volume 5:

Gamma-ray bursts, evolution of massive stars and star formation at high redshifts

Editors: S.B. Pandey, V.V. Sokolov and Yu A. Schekinov

ISBN 978-81-922926-3-2

ASICS Volume 6:

Stellar spectral libraries

Editors: Philippe Prugniel and Harinder P. Singh

ISBN 978-81-922926-4-9

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ASICS Volume 7:
Robotic workshop 2011
Editors: S. Guziy, S.B. Pandey and A.J. Castro-Tirado
ISBN 978-81-922926-5-6

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors, members of the Editorial Board and the Executive Council, and our international panel of reviewers whom we traditionally name and thank in the December issue of each year, for their help and support during 2012. This year approximately thirty scientists reviewed the manuscripts, of which slightly over a third were from outside the country. I also wish to thank Sandra Rajiva for her continued able and enthusiastic editorial assistance, without which it would have been a lot more difficult to bring out our publications, Dave Green for his help with L^AT_EX issues and Reena Shrikumar for her help with the web pages.

We look forward to the continued and pro-active support of the community to both the Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of India and the ASI Conference Series.

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