Editorial

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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to you as the new Editors in Chief of Astrophysics & Space Science.

Please join us in thanking Michael Dopita for his outstanding service to our community as Editor in Chief for the last 7 years. With the help of the publisher, Springer, his initiatives and innovation have brought this journal into the 21st century as one of a modest number of leading fora for top astrophysical ideas. In taking up our new responsibilities with our team of editors, it is with humility that we aspire to continue his work and propel the journal further in service of advancing astrophysics and space science.

In our opening editorial this is the most important thing we want to say. We should like to add one or two of our thoughts as well, for you to consider. The first is that we really want people to read your papers. That is why they are published. So please remember to post your manuscripts on arXiv.org as well. Although readers may find our papers from Table of Contents alerts, many more find them by scanning arXiv frequently. The right time to post them is as soon as they are accepted, and some will wish to do so earlier.

A second opening editorial remark is to remind our readers of the scope and aims of ApSS which are published at: <http://www.springer.com/10509>.

They have served the journal well and they will continue to do so, as revised from time to time by our international advisory board. Nearly a lifetime ago famous astrophysicist Fritz Zwicky expressed the view (which we here so loosely paraphrase that we do not cite a reference) that any system that is not a physical contradiction exists somewhere in Nature, but we hasten to add that there are limits! Papers in ApSS should be relevant to our real universe, not a purely abstract one.

Thank you for your continued support of this journal as authors, referees and readers. We welcome your comments on this and subsequent editorials.

Sincerely,

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