EDITORIAL

With this issue I would like to announce a change in the Editorial team: the appointment of a new Associate Editor, James Lequeux. James will be well known to many readers of JAHH through the various papers he has published in the journal over the past decade. Initially these dealt with aspects of early French radio astronomy (which is how I first came to meet him, through this IAU project), but later I enjoyed reading papers by him on a range of other topics, including one on the pioneering stellar photometry carried out by Charles Nordmann (Lequeux, 2010), whom James and I had met earlier because in 1901 Nordmann had attempted to detect solar radio emission (see Débarbat et al., 2006). Now, here is a little about James Lequeux.

Dr James Lequeux was born in France and started radio astronomy in 1954 as a student. After a long military service, he observed discrete radio sources with a two-element interferometer using Würzburg antennas at Nançay (see Orchiston et al., 2007), and obtained his Ph.D. in 1962. Then he worked on the construction of Le Grand Radiotelescope at Nançay (Lequeux et al., 2010), before becoming very involved in the formation of the multi-national Institute of Radioastronomie at Millimeter Wavelengths, IRAM (Encrenaz et al., 2011).

In 1966 James founded the first infrared astronomy group at Meudon campus of Paris Observatory, and was involved in the scientific programs associated with the Infrared Space Observatory (ISO) as an Associate Scientist. He was an Invited Scientist at CalTech in 1968–1969. Later, from 1983 to 1988 he was the Director of Marseilles Observatory.

After a career in various fields of astrophysics, involving mainly research on interstellar matter and the evolution of galaxies, James retired in 1999 and his interests turned to the history of astronomy.

James is currently affiliated with the LERMA group at Paris Observatory. He has more than 400 publications, including several books on aspects of astronomical history (e.g. see Lequeux, 2007, 2013; Lequeux and Bobis, 2010).

For fifteen years James was one of the two Editors-in-Chief of the journal Astronomy & Astrophysics, so he brings to JAHH a world of experience in journal editing.

References


I know you will join me in welcoming Dr James Lequeux to the Editorial Team at JAHH.

We now receive enough copy to fill each issue of JAHH, but we always are happy to receive further unsolicited papers, especially about the astronomical history of nations that rarely feature in this journal or in others that publish on the history of astronomy. Our charter is to provide a truly international perspective on astronomical history (including ethnoastronomy and archaeoastronomy). When preparing your MSS, please refer to the ‘Guide for Authors’ on our web site (www.http://www.narit.or.th/en/files/ GuideforAuthors.pdf) for editorial guidelines. Note that we now make extensive use of colour throughout the journal.

Finally, I hope that you all have enjoyed the wider range of book reviews that now appear in JAHH. If you would like to prepare a review, or know of a new book someone else can review, please contact our Associate Editor, Dr Cliff Cunningham (asteroid4276@comcast.net).

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