

Editorial

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The restructuring of Annalen der Physik in 2012

Dear Readers, dear Friends and Colleagues,

At the end of this year, and with the end of my almost 14 years of service as Editor-in-Chief of Annalen der Physik (AdP), the journal will undergo significant changes. From January 2012 onwards the journal will be run directly by the publisher with an in-house editorial team. There is not only a change in editorship, but also a profound restructuring of the journal, such that AdP will be completely relaunched in 2012. The changes refer to the content, layout and staffing.

The Editorial Board members Friedrich W. Hehl, Bernhard Kramer, Gerd Röpke and Andreas Wipf will continue to serve for AdP as Honorary Advisory Board members. They will be joined by Ingo Peschel who is now Advisory Board member, and myself. Ingo Peschel, for example, has been crucial and very supportive in difficult times, right after the German reunion, when the 8th series was started in 1992, but also later when Bernhard Mühlischlegel handed over the editorship to me in March 1998.

I am most grateful to my editor colleagues for their commitment, enthusiasm and support over all those years of hard work. The support by the members of the Advisory Board should be acknowledged as well. Last but not least, I wish to thank the staff at Wiley-VCH for their continuous support, and for the excellent cooperation at all times.

From January 2012 I will hand over my responsibilities to the designated Editor-in-Chief Guido W. Fuchs, who previously served as Managing Editor for this journal since 2009. I hope that you will continue to support him, and the Annalen, in the years to come.

With my best wishes



Ulrich Eckern
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers,

First of all, I would like to thank the present Editor-in-Chief Ulrich Eckern and his editor colleagues Friedrich W. Hehl, Bernhard Kramer, Gerd Röpke and Andreas Wipf for their outstanding service to the *Annalen der Physik*. Since their start in 1998 the publishing landscape changed significantly and it is thanks to their efforts that AdP safely passed this challenging test of time.

For me it will be an honor and pleasure to serve for this journal as Editor-in-Chief. At the same time, leading this journal requires great care and has its own challenges. Since 2009, I had the opportunity to get insights into this journal that form the basis of the restructuring that now takes shape.

The reasoning behind our shift towards an in-house editorial team is to take advantage of our publishing experience to improve the journal and to increase the ability to react to the fast changing publishing environment. As in the past, the scope of the journal involves all aspects of general physics. The aim is to attract scientists to publish with us about important and timely topics at the forefront of modern physics. This will also include topics from applied physics. AdP will report about fast evolving areas and will organize special issues in research areas that leading scientists expect to be relevant in the future. For that, AdP enables a new generation of young, talented or particularly creative physicists to participate more closely in the development of AdP by becoming Advisory Board members. With this new team new topical priorities can be set, our spectrum broadened and finally realized.

With the relaunch of AdP, authors are asked to follow stricter format rules for their articles, so that article types are better distinguishable. Letter articles will be introduced and medium sized review articles will be solicited. The Einstein Lectures series, i.e. special invited articles from internationally leading scientists, will be revived and continued. The section “100 years ago” will be ceased and the publication of “historic articles”, e.g. translations of historically relevant German articles into English, will not be continued. Translation may only be considered as additional online material and attached to the original article. However, a new section Historical Essay will be introduced, organized by the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin/Germany). Furthermore, there will be a Journal Club section where researchers comment on recent or co-published articles in AdP in a brief essay form.

For me *Annalen der Physik* is more than a journal, it is an inspiration. As author you can rely on an individualized, unbiased, fair and fast publication procedure. As editor I will count on your creativity and richness of ideas to make the journal grow. I invite you to use the new opportunities for authors during the relaunch phase. For details please visit our web page www.ann-phys.org/relaunch.

With kind regards



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