



Editorial

Finally, the IAU centenary celebrations have arrived. The 100 Hours of Astronomy event took place 10 - 13 January 2019 with more than 1200 astronomy activities taking place in more than 85 countries worldwide! Following this, set of events the Women and Girls in Astronomy Day took place on 11 February, and more celebrations are still to come. These upcoming events include the Dark Skies event around the International Day of Light on 16 May, the 100th anniversary of the Eddington solar eclipse, the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing, the national campaigns of NameExoWorlds, and many more. I recommend everyone checks the IAU100 website so as not to miss the chance to promote astronomy in your community this year.

The originally planned issue on solar eclipse is in the progress. In this issue of CAPjournal you can find papers reflecting on the IAU100 themes, such as gender equality, inclusion, exoplanets and the big question, are we alone? We hope you will enjoy reading.

On a final note, I am stepping down as editor-in-chief as my term as the IAU International Outreach Coordinator comes to an end, but I will continue to be a guest editor. During the year, we have improved the peer review process, and published a new peer review guideline to help both the authors and peer reviewers to increase the quality of the publications. I am also glad to say the submission rate has increased over the year. Many astronomy communicators are do-ers, but we hope more people will continue to submit learnings and share with the larger community. This is the purpose of CAPjournal.

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