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EDITORIAL

The present volume of *HELVETICA PHYSICA ACTA* sets the beginning of a new orientation of the journal. Traditionally *HELVETICA PHYSICA ACTA* was a journal of national character, but in the last years it has been more widely opened to contributions from abroad. The Swiss Physical Society and the Editorial Board have decided to reinforce this international aspect of the journal and to essentially specialize it in *theoretical and mathematical physics*. To build up this new profile of the journal, the Editorial Board will cooperate with an international Advisory Board representing the different fields which it intends to emphasize. We thank the members of this new Advisory Board for their support.

As regards the contents, priority will be given to high quality original contributions from the various branches of theoretical and mathematical physics. We also feel the necessity for making accessible new ideas in these fields, in a clear language, to a not necessarily specialized audience of theoreticians. We hope that prospective authors will take into account this important aspect of scientific communication, and we plan to publish occasional review papers. Apart from this the journal will still reflect some aspects of the general activities in the physical sciences in Switzerland, for example by printing the proceedings of meetings held in this country.

There are no more page charges for original contributions, and authors are encouraged to submit camera-ready papers according to the new instructions given on the inside of the back cover of each issue.

We wish to thank the president of the preceding editorial board, Thomas H. Schucan, for his efforts to bring about the reorganization of the journal, and we hope that there will be a positive response to this undertaking and that *HELVETICA PHYSICA ACTA* will be of value to the scientific community.

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