

EDITORIAL

As foreshadowed in the Editorial that appeared in the Nov-Dec 2016 *JAHH*, this issue marks the start of a new era, with a new Editorial team, and a new Editorial Board. Richard Strom, Duane Hamacher and I welcome two new Associate Editors who have just joined the team, Cliff Cunningham and Peter Robertson. Here is a little about them:

Clifford J. Cunningham earned his Ph.D. in history of astronomy at the University of Southern Queensland in Australia, and he is a Research Associate of the National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand. His undergraduate degrees in physics and classical studies were earned at the University of Waterloo in Canada. Cliff has written or edited 14 books on the history of astronomy, and his papers have appeared in many journals, including *Annals of Science*, *Journal for the History of Astronomy*, *Culture & Cosmos*, *Studia Etymologica Cracoviensia*, *The Asian Journal of Physics*, *Renaissance and Reformation*, and this journal (where several of his asteroid research papers have been published). He is also a contributor to *Encyclopædia Britannica*, and since 2001 has been the history of astronomy columnist for *Mercury* magazine. Asteroid (4276) was named Clifford in his honour by the International Astronomical Union.

Peter Robertson studied science at the University of Melbourne and completed a Masters degree in physics in 1972. He was an assistant editor of a physics journal in Copenhagen during 1975–1979, and upon returning to Melbourne was appointed Managing Editor of the *Australian Journal of Physics*. Peter has a long-standing interest in the history of Australian science and his publications include a history of the Parkes Radio Telescope (Cambridge University Press, 1992). He is currently completing a full-length biography of the Australian radio astronomer John Bolton, the inaugural Director of the Parkes Radio Telescope. Peter recently was awarded a Ph.D. by the University of Southern Queensland (Australia) for his study of Bolton's early career (1946–1953). Peter retired in 2009 after spending most of his career in science publishing, and is now an Honorary Research Fellow in the Astrophysics Group, School of Physics, University of Melbourne.

We also are in the process of revising the Editorial Board, and a full listing of the new Board will appear on the inside front cover of the Jul-Aug 2016 issue of *JAHH*. However, at this early stage we would like to welcome new members Dr Ian Glass (South Africa), Dr James Lequeux (France), Professor Nick Lomb (Australia), Professor Ray Norris (Australia), Dr Yukio Ohashi (Japan), Professor Xiaochun Sun (China), Professor Joe Tenn (USA), Professor Virginia Trimble (USA), Professor Mayank Vahia (India) and Professor Gudrun Wolfschmidt (Germany). Meanwhile, we are happy that the following existing Board members have agreed to remain with us: Dr Alan Batten (Canada), Dr Suzanne Débarbat (France), Dr Steven Dick (USA), Professor Bambang Hidayat (Indonesia), Dr Tsuko Nakamura (Japan), Professor Nha Il-Seong (Korea), Professor Richard Stephenson (England) and Professor Brian Warner (South Africa).

Readers will notice that *JAHH* has undergone a 'make-over' and now has a new colour scheme. We hope you find this attractive, and that it adds to your enjoyment of reading papers and book reviews in *JAHH*.

We now receive enough copy to fill—or more than 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](http://www.narit.or.th/en/files/GuideforAuthors.pdf)) for editorial guidelines. Note that we do not expect you to prepare camera-ready copy—it is the job of the Editor and Associate Editors to edit and format your papers.

Now that we have a new Editorial Board we are keen to expand the number of book reviews that appear in each issue of *JAHH*. Towards this end, one of our new Associate Editors, Dr Cliff Cunningham (asteroid4276@comcast.net), will be responsible for this. If you are interested in preparing reviews of any recently-published books please discuss this with Cliff. We are particularly keen to provide English-language reviews of books written in other languages so that *JAHH* can provide a more comprehensive overview of international developments in history of astronomy.

Finally, on behalf of the Editorial team I would like to take this opportunity to thank those retiring members of the Editorial Board for their support over the years, and also to thank all those who kindly refereed research papers for us in 2015.

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