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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This is the first of two issues celebrating the major contribution that Professor Wilber N. (Chris) Christiansen (1913-2007) made to international radio astronomy. The cover montage shows the East-West solar grating array that he designed, which was installed at the Division of Radiophysics Potts Hill field station in suburban Sydney in 1952. One of the inserts shows Professor Christiansen in his later years, while the other depicts the recycled 16 x 18 ft ex-WWII experimental radar antenna that Christiansen and Hindman used in 1951 to investigate the 21cm hydrogen line following the announcement of its discovery by Ewen and Purcell. The papers by Wendt, Orchiston and Slee on pages 173 and 185 in this issue of *JAH*² discuss the solar grating array and Christiansen's pioneering H-line observations, while Swarup's paper on page 194 reflects on his initial work with Christiansen at Potts Hill and how subsequent contacts once he was based at Stanford, and later in India, impacted on his research as a radio astronomer.
