

Editorial

Dear reader

A year ago we – Friedrich Hehl and I – formulated the following: “The year 2005 . . . implies for *Annalen der Physik* – the journal in which most of Einstein’s seminal ideas were published – the definite obligation to celebrate in 2005, one hundred years later, his work and his impact on physics.” This indeed we did, with the special issue (1–3/2005) **Commemorating Albert Einstein**, with nine contributions which relate Einstein’s achievements to modern research, as well as with the supplementary issue **Einstein’s Annalen Papers** (also available in book form), featuring four articles, which examine Einstein’s contributions from a historical point of view, and including facsimiles of all 49 Einstein *Annalen* papers. Furthermore, a noteworthy special issue (9–10/2005) was dedicated to our respected colleague Bernhard Mühlischlegel, editor of *Annalen der Physik* in the difficult years 1992–1998, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. In addition to several “normal” articles, this year is also marked by several “specials”:


- the Special Topic Issue **Gravitation and Theory of Relativity**, with Jörg Frauendiener (Tübingen) as Guest Editor (1–2/2006), containing extended versions of talks which were presented at the DPG (German Physical Society) physics conference 2005 in Berlin;
- the Special Topic Issue **Commemorating Paul Drude**, with Martin Dressel (Stuttgart) as Guest Editor, highlighting modern applications of the famous Drude formula for the conductivity (and its extensions); and
- the Special Topic Issue **Fundamental Cosmology**, with Mariusz Dabrowski (Szczecin) as Guest Editor, containing selected review papers presented at the “Pomeranian Workshop in Fundamental Cosmology”, Pobierowo (Poland), September 2005.

These specials present up-to-date and comprehensive overviews of recent developments in modern and active research areas. The special projects, together with other remarkable papers, convincingly demonstrate the success of our publication policy, namely to emphasise medium-sized review articles in addition to normal publications. Despite a steady increase in the number of submitted manuscripts, the handling of manuscripts is still fast and efficient, and papers are on-line a few weeks after acceptance.

Even though we occasionally enjoy recalling the grand history of this journal, *Annalen der Physik* is of course now a modern journal and offers several convenient features: for example, the first issue of each year is available for everybody, and cross- and forward-linking of references allows for easy connection to other journals.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Editorial Board. It would be a great pleasure to welcome you as a contributor in the near future!

With my best regards,



Ulrich Eckern
Editor in Chief