NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

By now the astute reader will have noticed that the Information Bulletin has a new look; that is, it has become a bilingual newsletter with articles printed in the language in which they were originally written. This move was made in order to save translation time and production effort, so that the Bulletin can be mailed well before observing application deadlines. Response to the questionnaire circulated with Bulletin No. 12 was satisfactory; in all, 32 individuals returned their appraisals (15 Canadian, 13 French and 4 others). The summarized results are given below. When the tallied results do not add up to the total number of responses, it is because the remaining individuals did not express an opinion on the question.

Are you satisfied with the content?
Y: 22 N: 2
Are you satisfied with the format?
Y: 14 N: 5
Are you satisfied with the organization?
Y: 14 N: 0
Is more info on instruments needed?
Y: 12 N: 1
Is more info for preparing applications needed?
Y: 8 N: 0
Should we stay with the glossy format?
Y: 4 N: 9
Would you rather see a newsletter style?
Y: 11 N: 5
Should we maintain photographs?
Y: 18 N: 4
Should we maintain scientific news?
Y: 16 N: 2
Would you recommend publishing a bilingual Bulletin?
Y: 22 N: 6

From the results of this survey, the editor made the following recommendations, which were subsequently accepted by both the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors: (1) The Bulletin will be published once per semester in a bilingual version; that is, each contributed article will be printed in its original language. (2) The Bulletin will continue to supply technical information on the Observatory and recent changes in instrumentation. To aid in telescope time applications, each issue should appear at least 1 month before application deadlines. (3) The Bulletin should continue to publish news about recent scientific results obtained at CFHT. Each issue should contain 2 or 3 such articles; each article can be printed in its original language, with an abstract supplied in the other language.

Basically, we will maintain the present content and organization of the Bulletin, keeping photos and scientific news. We will stay with the glossy format for the time being (since most of our readers are not concerned with this point), but if cost becomes a problem, a change to a less elaborate printing style can be made easily. This semester, we have added a list of available instruments for observing, since the two Cassegrain spectrographs are now commissioned. Also included in this issue is a table of the 1986 dates of lunar phases (see below). Moreover, we are now on the mailing list of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, so that very shortly, we expect to receive a complete 1986 ephemeris for Mauna Kea. This will then be available for general distribution to our observers. For future issues, please remember that if you submit a short article on scientific results from a previous CFHT observing run, send to us also a summary or an abstract (preferably in the other language). If figures are enclosed, please ensure that the graphics and lettering will still be legible and neat after photographic reduction by a factor of 3.

1986 DATES OF LUNAR PHASES

DARK New Moon	GRAY 1st Quarter	BRIGHT Full Moon	GRAY Last Quarter
Jan 11	Jan 17	Jan 26	Jan 3
Feb 8	Feb 16	Feb 24	Feb 1
Mar 10	Mar 18	Mar 26	Mar 3
Apr 8	Apr 16	Apr 24	Apr 1
May 8	May 16	May 22	Apr 30
June 6	June 14	June 22	May 30
July 6	July 14	July 21	June 28
Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	July 28
Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 18	Aug 27
Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 16	Sept 25
Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Oct 25
Dec 1	Dec 7	Dec 16	Nov 24
			Dec 23
			Dec 30

STAFF CHANGES

The Board of Directors authorized the creation, at the beginning of 1985, of two new technician positions as reinforcements for the groups charged with maintaining and upgrading instrumentation. The first one, assigned primarily to the electronics lab, was occupied by Sarah ANDERSON, who had hitherto rendered her services to the CFHT in the same area as an independent contractor. The second position, devoted to optical instrumentation, went to John FELLENSTEIN, who had already acquired familiarity with the mechanical aspects of the CFHT instruments through his earlier assistance, as a temporary hire, in the commissioning of the CASSHAWEC Spectrograph.

Terry NEVIN, after six years of installing, improving and troubleshooting control system hardware at the observatory, decided to pursue wider and less scheduled interests. Robert SONG, a member of the electronic instrumentation team at the summit, was promoted to the vacated position in mid-April.

After a worldwide recruitment campaign which generated well over one hundred responses, the position of Chief Engineer, vacant since October 1984, was offered to Jerry SOVKA of Scarborough, Ontario. After obtaining a doctorate in science from MIT in 1966, he began a career of increasingly responsible positions in the field of nuclear engineering. Following a brief period of indoctrination in telescope design and operation at DDO, during which he also dusted off his French, Jerry Sovka moved to Waimea at the end of May, bringing with him extensive experience in the management of technically complex international projects.

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