Summary of the First BINA Workshop



An Indo-Belgian bilateral project entitled "Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and Astrophysics (BINA)" No. DST/INT/Belg/P-02/2014 dated 05 May 2016 has been approved by the International Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST; Govt. of India) and the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO; Govt. of Belgium) for a period of three years. The objective of BINA is to increase the interaction between Indian and Belgian astronomers by namely organizing workshops in India and Belgium. Such close meetings give unique opportunities to allow face to face discussions in order to strengthen on-going collaborations and to initiate new ones. The BINA project will also allow short visits of Indian scientists/technicians to Belgium and vice versa to discuss scientific and instrumentation projects for the new observing facilities at Devasthal observatory, namely the 3.6m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT. The data collected with these telescopes will allow to address many key questions related to the cosmos such as the origin of the galaxies, the life-cycles of stars, the internal structure and evolution of stars, asteroseismology of pulsating stars, search and study of new exo-planets akin to Earth, probing the powerful and elusive black holes, search for the first stars and galaxies in the Universe, use of gravitational lenses to probe the structure of the most distant objects as well as to test cosmological models, etc.

To achieve the goals of the BINA project, the first BINA workshop was organized at Nainital (India) from 15-18 November 2016. It was jointly supported by DST (Govt. of India), BELSPO (Govt. of Belgium)

and the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES; Nainital, host institute). The scientific rationale of this workshop was "Instrumentation and Science with the 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT telescopes".

About 150 people from India, Belgium and other countries expressed their interest for this workshop. However, due to financial limitations, only 107 astronomers originating from 8 different countries (India, Belgium, Russia, Japan, China, South Africa, Thailand and Taiwan) could participate in the first BINA workshop, making it an international event (see ANNEX 1).

The first BINA workshop has been inaugurated by Prof. S. K. Ghosh, Director of the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (NCRA-TIFR; Mumbai, India) who briefly described the various on-going astronomical projects in the context of Indian observing facilities. He also summarized the importance of BINA network in the light of the Indian optical telescopes at Devasthal (Leh) and other parts of India (like the Giant Meter Radio Telescope (GMRT) at Pune), and the first Indian multi-wavelength astronomical space mission (ASTROSAT). During the workshop, scientists did open discussions on the very preliminary results obtained with the newly developed instruments (ADFOCS and Imager) for the 3.6-m DOT and the future prospects in using the 4.0-m ILMT. The great scientific importance of studying cosmic events at multiple wavelengths has been outlined as well as integrating ground-based with space mission observations, specially in the context of 4.0-m class ground-based telescopes. There have also been presentations of on-going scientific programmes at Indian, Belgian and European observatories. A special session for school children was also organized during which a public lecture on the "Music of the Stars" has been delivered by eminent scientist Prof. Chris Engelbrecht from the University of Johannesburg (South Africa). About 150 students from various schools attended the public lecture on the evening of 17 November 2016.

A total of 37 oral presentations took place on galactic and extragalactic astrophysics and instrumentation (see ANNEX 2, part 1). It was realised during the discussions that access to the 4-m class telescopes at Devasthal Observatory will benefit to several research themes of shared interest between Belgian and Indian partners of the network. During the first BINA workshop, new ideas were proposed to develop back-end instruments for the 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT. These telescopes equipped with modern back end instruments (cf. integral field spectrograph already under construction, low-dispersion grisms inserted in ADFOSC, high-resolution spectrograph, adaptive optics,) at the foot hill of the Himalayas will also serve the international astronomical community for time critical observations by filling the large longitudinal gap between the Canary Islands and Eastern Australia. The 4-m class telescopes at Devasthal will definitely become even more important for creating experienced and trained personnel for future large optical facilities such as the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), one of the mega-projects in which India is participating.

During the first three days of the workshop, the BINA participants have presented science programmes in which they are presently involved and discussed projects they intend to carry out using the 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT. On 18 November 2016, a full day visit to Devasthal Observatory has been organized to have a closer look at the new observing facilities and to have a better feeling of the chosen observing site.

Considering the limited time frame, the scientific organizing committee could not give an opportunity to each participant to deliver an oral presentation, hence a special session was held for the poster presentations (see ANNEX 2, part 2). During nearly two hours, about 40 participants could summarize the recent work presented on their poster. In order to make the poster presentations more attractive, the organizers announced the best posters in the of area galactic astrophysics, extragalactic astrophysics, and instrumentation. The winners of the prize in

each of these areas were PoChieh Huang (Institute of Astronomy, National Central University, Taiwan), Dr. Kuntal Mishra (ARIES, Nainital, India), and Mr. Bikram Pradhan (STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium), respectively.

Dr. Arbinda Mitra (Adviser & Head, International Bilateral Cooperation) and Dr. S. K. Varshney (Adviser, International Bilateral Cooperation) also participated in this workshop as DST representatives. These two gentlemen also addressed the BINA participants and briefed them about various on-going bilateral projects run by DST with other countries. On 17 August 2016, Dr. S. K. Varshney distributed the prizes to the best poster winners.

The main outcome of this four day workshop is that astronomers from India and Belgium should develop second generation state-of-the-art instruments for the 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT in collaboration with the partner institutes of these countries. During this workshop, it has also been realized that the BINA collaboration should be extended to observations taken with other telescopes located in both countries. These would help in providing complementary optical and near infra-red observations of astronomical sources detected at radio wavelengths by the Giant Meter-wave Radio Telescope (GMRT) and in X-ray and ultraviolet by ASTROSAT.

The second BINA workshop will be held in mid 2018 at the Royal Observatory of Belgium (ROB; Brussels, Belgium) during which scientist will be reviewing the progress of the network in terms of scientific output and development of new instruments.

The first BINA workshop received a wide coverage within India as well as abroad. Some of the media coverage and a selection of the workshop photographs are enclosed in ANNEX 3. The message written by Prof. Asutosh Sharma (Secretary of DST; Govt. of India), that has been used as introduction in the abstract booklet, is included in ANNEX 4.

ANNEX 1: List of Participants of BINA Workshop

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1.	Wahab Uddinn	ARIES, Nainital
2.	Anil Pandey	ARIES, Nainital
3.	Mahendra Singh	ARIES, Nainital
4.	Brijesh Kumar	ARIES, Nainital
5	I. Chattopadhyay	ARIES, Nainital
6.	Amitesh Omar	ARIES, Nainital
7.	R. K. S. Yadav	ARIES, Nainital
8.	M. Gopinathan	ARIES, Nainital
9.	Sneh Lata	ARIES, Nainital
10.	S. B. Pandey	ARIES, Nainital
11.	J. C. Pandey	ARIES, Nainital
12.	Biman J. Medhi	ARIES, Nainital
13.	Hum Chand	ARIES, Nainital
14.	Santosh Joshi	ARIES, Nainital
15.	Yogesh C. Joshi	ARIES, Nainital
16.	Saurabh Sharma	ARIES, Nainital
17.	D. V. Phani Kumar	ARIES, Nainital
18.	U. C. Dumka	ARIES, Nainital
19.	Bashant Sanwal	ARIES, Nainital
20.	K. R. Bheemireddy	ARIES, Nainital
21.	Tarun Bangia	ARIES, Nainital
22.	K. R. Bheemireddy	ARIES, Nainital
23.	T. S. Kumar	ARIES, Nainital
24.	Purushottam	ARIES, Nainital
25.	Shobhit Yadava	ARIES, Nainital
26.	Jaysreekar Pant	ARIES, Nainital
27.	Mohit Kumar Joshi	ARIES, Nainital
28.	Parveen Kumar	ARIES, Nainital
29.	Bharti Arora	ARIES, Nainital
30.	Abhishek Paswan	ARIES, Nainital

31. Piyali Saha	ARIES, Nainital
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- 32. Arti Joshi ARIES, Nainital
- 33. Alka Mishra ARIES, Nainital
- 34. Mridweeka Singh ARIES, Nainital
- 35. Sapna Mishra ARIES, Nainital
- 36. Vineet Ojha ARIES, Nainital
- 37. Subhajeet Karmakar ARIES, Nainital
- 38. A. Gangopadhyay ARIES, Nainital
- 39. Raya Dastidar ARIES, Nainital
- 40. Tirthendu Sinha ARIES, Nainital
- 41. Ekta Sharma ARIES, Nainital
- 42. Priyanka Jalan ARIES, Nainital
- 43. Aditi Agarwal ARIES, Nainital
- 44. Sadhana Singh ARIES, Nainital
- 45. Arpan Singh ARIES, Nainital
- 46. Krishna Chand ARIES, Nainital
- 47. Alaxender Panchal ARIES, Nainital
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- Priyanka Srivastava ARIES, Nainital
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- 50. Suvendu Rakshit IIA, Bangaluru
- 51. Margarita SafOnova IIA, Bangaluru
- 52. Arun Mangalam IIA, Bangaluru
- 53. B. C. Bhatt IIA, Bangaluru
- 54. Mousumi Das IIA, Bangaluru
- 55. Ram Sagar IIA, Bangaluru
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- 57. Shashikiran Ganesh PRL, Ahmedabad
- 58. Sachindra Naik PRL, Ahmedabad
- 59. Devendra Bisht PRL, Ahmedabad
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- 61. D. Narasimha TIFR, Mumbai
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- 63. S. K. Ghosh NCRA TIFR, Pune
- 64. A. N. Ramaprakash IUCAA, Pune
- 65. Gopal Krishna CBS, Mumbai

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67.	Adarsh Kashyap	Delhi University, Delhi
68.	Neelam	Delhi University, Delhi
69.	Shashanka Gurumath	VIT University, Vellore
70.	Rukmini Jagirdar	Osmania University, Hyderabad
71.	Shanti P. Devarapalli	Osmania University, Hyderabad
72.	Soumen Mondal	SNBNC for Basic Sciences, Kolkata
73.	Parijat Thakur	Guru Ghasidas Central University, Bilaspur, Chhatishgadh
74.	M. K. Das	University of Delhi, Delhi
75.	Naveen Bhatraju	University of Delhi, Delhi
76.	Rahul Anand	Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur
77.	Priya Hasan	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad
78.	Alok Durgapal	Kumaun University, Nainital
79.	Bimal Pande	Kumaun University Nainital
80.	Seema Pande	Kumaun University Nainital
81.	M. C. Mathpal	Kumaun University Nainital
82.	Harmeen Kaur	Kumaun University Nainital
83.	Geeta Rangwal	Kumaun University Nainital
84.	L. P. Verma	M. B. College Haldwani, Nainital
85.	Aravinda Mitra	DST, Delhi
86.	S. K. Varshney	DST, Delhi
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88.	Patricia Lampens	ROB, Belgium
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90.	Anna Pospieszalska	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium
91.	Bikram Pradhan	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium
92.	Michaël De Becker	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium
93.	Olivier ABSIL	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium
94.	Drisya Karinkuzhi	Universite libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
95.	Katrien Kolenberg	University of Antwerp & KU Leuven, Belgium
96.	Marjorie Decleir	Universiteit Gent, Belgium
97.	N. Kobayashi	Kiso Observatory, Institute of Astronomy, University of Tokyo, Japan
98.	Hamano Satoshi	Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan
99.	Evgenii Semenko	Special Astrophysical Observatory , Russia
100.	Chris Engelbrecht	University of Johannesburg, South Africa

101.	Ramkesh Yadav	NARIT, Thailand
102	Nareemas Chelaeh	NARIT, Thailand
103.	David Mktrchian	NARIT, Thailand
104.	PoChieh Huang	Institute of Astronomy, National Central University, Taiwan
105.	Haritma Gaur	Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai, China
106.	Vishi Agrawal	ARIES Nainital
107.	Yugam Bharti	ARIES Nainital

ANNEX 2: Scientific Programme of the First BINA Workshop

1. Oral Presentations (Invited and Contributory Talks)

	Tuesday, 15 November 2016
Session 1 : Reg	istration & Inauguration
8:30-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:40	Inaugural Ceremony Lighting of Diya and Welcome of the Guests
9:40-9:45	Director (ARIES) Welcome Address
9:45-9:55	Dr. Peter De Cat (PI: BINA, Belgium) Introduction on BINA Network
9:55-10:00	Dr. A. K. Pandey (Chairman, SOC) High-lights of Scientific Programmme
10:00-10:20	Professor S. K. Ghosh, Chief Guest (Director NCRA-TIFR, Pune) Key Note Address
10:20-10:30	Dr. Santosh Joshi (PI: BINA, India) Vote of Thanks
10:30-11:30	High Tea Break
Session 2:3.6-Chair: A. K. Pa	m DOT and Back-end Instruments andey
11:30-12:00	Basant Sanwal (ARIES, Nainital) History of ARIES: A Major National Indian Facility for Astronomical Observations Since 1954
12:00-12:30	Brijesh Kumar (ARIES, Nainital) Completion of the 3.6 meter Devasthal Optical Telescope Project and the First Results
12:30-13:00	Amitesh Omar (ARIES, Nainital) Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera for DOT

13:00-13:30	S. B. Pandey (ARIES, Nainital) The first light instrument for the 3.6m DOT; 4KX4K CCD Imager
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
Session 3 : Sec Chair : S. K. C	ond Generation Instruments Shosh
14:30-15:00	Devendra K. Ojha (TIFR, Mumbai) Prospects for star formation studies with NIR instruments (TANSPEC and TIRCAM-II) on 3.6-m DOT
15:00-15:30	A. N. Ramaprakash (IUCAA, Pune) Devasthal Optical Telescope Integral Field Spectrograph (DOTIFS): Overview and Status
15:30-15:50	N. Kobayashi (Kiso Observatory, Institute of Astronomy, University of Tokyo, Japan) WINERED: NIR High-resolution Spectrograph with High Sensitivity
15:50-16:10	M. Gopinathan (ARIES, Nainital) Possible science cases using future optical and near infrared polarimetric capabilities with 3.6m DOT
16:10-16:40	Tea Break and Poster Session
Session 4: ILN Chair: A.N.	MT and Multi-wavelength Astronomy Ramaprakash
16:40-17:10	Jean Surdej (STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium) The 4-m International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT)
17:10-17:30	Brajesh Kumar (IIA, Bangaluru) Supernovae study: Context of the 4-m ILMT facility
17:30-17:50	Michaël De Becker (STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium) The multi-messenger approach to particle acceleration by massive stars: a science case for optical, radio and X-ray observatories
17:50-18:10	Sachindra Naik (PRL, Ahemedabad) Optical/Infrared properties of Be stars in X-ray Binary systems
19:30-20:30	Dinner

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Session 5: Space and Solar Astronomy Chair: Peter De Cat

9:30-10:00	S. K. Ghosh (NCRA-TIFR, Pune) Synergy of DOT with UVIT-ASTROSAT
10:00-10:20	Patricia Lampens (ROB, Belgium) Spectroscopic monitoring of bright A-F type candidate hybrid stars discovered by the Kepler mission
10:20-10:40	Shashikiran Ganesh (PRL, Ahmedabad) Solar system astronomy with the 3.6m DOT and 4m LMT
10:40-11:10	Tea Break and Poster Session
Session 6: Pos Chair: Mahes	ter Session war Gopinathan
11:10-13:00	Posters Presentations
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
Session 7: On Chair: Ishwa	going Scientific Programmes and Facilities ra Chandra CH
14:00-14:20	Peter De Cat (ROB, Belgium) The BINA collaboration: Science at Royal Observatory of Belgium
14:20-14:40	Olivier Absil (STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium) High contrast imaging activities at ULg
14:40-15:00	Ram Kesh Yadav (NARIT, Thailand) Three years of ULTRASPEC at the Thai 2.4-m telescope: Capabilities and scientific highlights
15:00-15:30	Tea Break and Poster Session
Session 8 : Sta Chair : D. K. O	r Formation and Star Clusters jha
15:30-15:50	Nareemas Chehlaeh (ROB, Belgium and NARIT Thailand) Binarity and Variable Stars in the Open Cluster NGC 2126
15:50-16:10	Priya Hasan (Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad) Spectroscopic study of NGC 281 West
16:10-16:30	Soumen Mondal (S. N. B. N.C. for Basic Sciences, Kolkata) Understanding of variability properties in very low mass stars and brown dwarfs
16:30-17:00	Tea Break and Poster Session

Session 9: Ste Chair: Patric	llar Astronomy ia Lampens
17:00-17:30	Katrien Kolenberg (University of Antwerp & KU Leuven, Belgium) RR Lyrae stars
17:30-17:50	Arti Joshi (ARIES, Nainital) PHAS J02582787+6352348 and IPHAS J05181432+2941130 : Two new eclipsing intermediate polars
17:50-18:10	David Mkrtichian (NARIT, Thailand) The effect of mass transfer and accretion on pulsations in oEA stars
Session 10 : O	pen Discussions abinda Mitra
18:10-19:00	Discussion on New Collaborations through BINA Network and Beyond
19:30-22:00	Director Dinner
	Thursday 17 November 2016
Session 11: Ac Chair: U. C. Jo	etive Galactic Nuclei oshi
9:30-10:00	Gopal Krishna (CBS, Mumbai) Intranight optical monitoring of Active Galactic Nuclei at ARIES: An overview
10:00-10:20	Hum Chand (ARIES, Nainital) Probing the central engine and environment of AGN using ARIES 1.3 and 3.6 m telescopes
10:20-10:40	Mousumi Das (IIA, Bangaluru) Dual AGN in Nearby Galaxies
10:40-11:00	Arun Mangalam (IIA, Bangaluru) Models of Tidal Disruption Events and Comparison with Observations
11:00-11:30	Tea Break
Session 12: Go	ravitational lensing and Transients rishna
12:00-12:20	D. Narasimha (TIFR, Mumbai) Multiply-imaged Transient Events in Cluster Lenses

12:20-12:40	Mridweeka Singh (ARIES, Nainital) A Peculiar Subclass of Type Ia Supernovae a.k.a. Type Iax	
12:40-13:00	Alka Mishra (ARIES, Nainital) Giant Low Surface Brightness (LSB) Galaxies	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
Session 13 : Ga Chair : D. Nara		
14:00-14:20	Ishwara Chandra CH (NCRA-TIFR, Pune) Optical followup of radio sources	
14:20-14:40	Marjorie Decleir (Universiteit Gent, Belgium) Understanding the dust properties in nearby galaxies	
14:40-15:00	Suvendu Rakshit (IIA, Bangaluru) Properties of narrow line Seyfert 1 galaxy	
Session 14 : Clo	<u> </u>	
15:00-15:10	Ram Sagar Scientific Summary of the First BINA Workshop	
15:10-15:20	S. K. Varshney Concluding Remarks	
15:20-15:30	Tea Break	
Session 15: Pu Chair: Katrie		
15:30-16:30	Chris Engelbrecht (University of Johannesburg, South Africa) Music of the Stars	
19:00-20:00	Dinner	

2. Poster Presentations

S. No.	Name	Affiliation	Title	Index No.		
Sessio	on 1 : 3.6-m DOT aı	nd Back-end Ins	truments			
1.	Tarun Bangia	ARIES, Nainital	Development of Cable Anti-Twister for 3.6 m Telescope Back-End Instruments at ARIES	A01		
Sessio	n 2 : Second Genera	ation Instrumen	ats			
2.	Jaysreekar Pant	ARIES, Nainital	Optical Design of High Resolution Spectrograph for 3.6 m Devasthal Optical Telescope	B01		
3.	B. Krishna Reddy	ARIES, Nainital	Preliminary optical design of high speed time series CCD photometer for 3.6m Devasthal Optical Telescope.	B02		
Sessio	n 3: ILMT and M	ulti-wavelength	Astronomy			
4.	Anna Surdej	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium	The sky at Devasthal above the ILMT	C01		
5.	Bikram Pradhan	STAR Institute, Liège University, Belgium	Present status of the 4.0-m ILMT data reduction pipeline: application to space debris detection and characterisation	C02		
6.	Bharti Arora	ARIES, Nainital	X-ray observations of a colliding wind binary WR 25	C03		
Sessio	n 4: Ongoing Scien	ntific Activities				
7.	Drisya Karinkuzhi	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	High-resolution spectroscopy at ULB	D01		
8.	B. C. Bhatt	IIA,, Bangaluru	Facilities at Indian Institute of Astrophysics and new initiatives	D02		
9.	Umesh C. Joshi	PRL, Ahmedabad	Polarimitry - scope on 3.6m Telescope	D03		
Sessio	Session 5: Stellar Pulsation and Open Star Clusters					
10.	Saurabh Sharma A	ARIES, Nainital	Star formation in NGC 7538 H II region	E01		

11.	Piyali Saha	ARIES, Nainital	Highly embedded protostar in SFO 18: IRAS 05417+090	E02
12.	Tirthendu Sinha	ARIES, Nainital	Variability of stellar sources in star forming regions	E03
13.	Ekta Sharma	ARIES, Nainital	Optical polarimetry and molecular line studies of L1157 dark molecular cloud	E04
14.	Devendra Bisht	PRL, Ahmedabad	Study of II Galactic quadrant of Milky Way Galaxy using open clusters	E05
15.	Neelam Panwar	University of Delhi, North Campus, New Delhi	Low-mass young stellar population and star formation history of HII region/Cluster Complexes	E06
16.	Hamano Satoshi	Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan	The survey of diffuse interstellar bands	E07
17.	PoChieh Huang	Institute of Astronomy, National Central University, Taiwan	Variability of GM Cep by Circumstellar Dust clump	E08
18.	Alok Durgapal	Kumaun University, Nainital	Astrophysical parameters of open star clusters using 2MASS JHKs data	E09
19.	R. K. S. Yadav	ARIES, Nainital	Proper Motion Study of Globular Cluster NGC 4590	E10
20.	Biman J Medhi	ARIES, Nainital	Optical and IR polarimetric study of embedded cluster AFGL6366s	E11
21.	Subhajeet Karmakar	ARIES, Nainital	Magnetic activities on F-type ultra-fast rotator KIC 6791060	E12
22.	Sneh Lata	ARIES, Nainital	Variable stars in young open clusters	E13
23.	N. K. Chakradhari/R. K. S. Yadav	Pt. R. S. University, Raipur	The Nainital Cape Survey Project : A Search for Pulsation in CP Stars	E14
24.	Kaushal Sharma	University of Delhi, North Campus, New Delhi	Automated analysis of stellar spectra	E15
25.	M. K. Das	University of Delhi South Campus, New Delhi	Analysis of hd73045 light curve data	E16

26.	Rukmini Jagirdar	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Period variation studies of six contact binaries in M4	E17		
27.	Shanti P. Devarapalli	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Photometric study of two contact binaries in SMC	E18		
28.	Evgenii Semenko	Special Astrophysical Observatory, Russia	High-resolution spectroscopy of pulsating A stars	E19		
29.	Chris Engelbrecht	University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Asteroseismology of B and A stars combining Indian and South African resources	E20		
Sessio	n 8 : Active Galac	tic Nuclei				
30.	Parveen Kumar	ARIES, Nainital	Polarisation and spectroscopic study of radio-quiet weak emission line quasars	F01		
31.	Nibedita Kalita	ARIES, Nainital	Spectral evolution of the FSRQ 3C 273 in low state	F02		
32.	Aditi Agarwal	ARIES, Nainital	Multi-band optical variability studies of Blazars	F03		
33.	Sapna Mishra	ARIES, Nainital	Associated absorbers of AGN as probe of cool and hot gas outflows	F04		
34.	Priyanka Jalan	ARIES, Nainital	Constraining UV background radiation using transverse proximity effect	F05		
Session 9: Supernovae, Transients and Gravitational Lensing						
35.	Kuntal Misra	ARIES, Nainital	GRB-SNe light curves at late-times	G01		
36.	A. Gangopadhyay	ARIES, Nainital	Light Curve And Spectral Evolution Of Type IIb Supernovae	G02		
37.	Raya Dastidar	ARIES, Nainital	Core collapse supernovae (CCSNe) of type IIP and their progenitors – a case study of PNV J01315945+3328458 and SN 2015ba	G03		
38.	Margarita SafOnova	IIA, Bangaluru	Gravitational lensing and microlensing in clusters	G04		
Sessio	Session 10 : Galaxies					
39.	Vineet Ojha	ARIES, Nainital	Probing the mechanism of high-energy emission in X-ray detected Narrow line Seyfert 1 (NLSy1) galaxies	H01		

Session 11 : Solar System

Statistical analysis of geomagnetic activity I01 indices and solar activity features during 40. Bimal Pande DSB Campus, Kumaun University solar cycle 23 & 24

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Session 12: Exo-planets				
41.	Parijat Thakur	Guru Ghasidas Central University, Bilaspur, Chhatishgadh	Investigating Extra-solar Planetary System Qatar-1 through Transit Observations	J01
42.	Shashanka Gurumath	VIT University, Vellore, India	Finding Earth's twin: Clues from Exoplanetary data	J02

ANNEX 3: Media Coverage of the BINA Workshop

1. Electronic Media



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2. Printed Media



तारों क भी अपनी आवाज होती है। उन्होंने, कहा कि अंतरिक्ष बेहद रोचक है। इसके बारे में जानने के लिए रुचि होना बेहद् जरूरी है।

म जानन के लिए रुच होना बहुद जरूर है। इससे भूर्व मुबब के सन्न में मुंबई के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. गोपाल कृष्ण ने एक्टिव गैलेक्टिव न्यूक्ली के बारे में जबिक हुम चंद्र ने विभिन्न दूरबोनों पर प्रकाश डाला। बंगल्क के डॉ. अरुण मोराला व मुंबई के डॉ. डी. नरसिम्हा ने अंतरिक्ष के क्षेत्र में हो रहे शोध कार्यों की जानकारी दी। एरीज के कार्यवाहक निदेशक डा. वहाबउददीन एरीज की प्रगति व वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डां. एके पांडे ने चार मीटर लिविवड दूरबीन के आगे के निर्माण कार्य के बारे में बताया। डॉ. संतोष जोशी ने आभार प्रकट किया। इस अवसर पर आलसेंट कालेज, सेंट जोजफ, मोहन लाल साह बाल विद्या मंदिर, सैनिक स्कूल घोडाखाल व पूर्व निदेशक प्रो रामसागर, डॉ. शशिभूषण पांड, हरीश तिवारी आदि मौजूद थे।

नैनीताल प्रशासनिक अकादमी में आयोजित कार्यशाला में छात्रों को संबोधित करते साउथ अफ्रीका के क्रिस एंजिलब्रेट। जागरण भारत में एरीज से खोजा था डार्क मैटर

नैनीताल : अंतरिक्ष में ऐसा भी पदार्थ है, जो नजर नहीं आता है। इस अदृश्य पदार्थ का नाम डार्क मैटर है। भारत में पहली बार इसकी खोज एरीज की एक मीटर दूरबीन से की गई थी। इस खोज में शामिल एरीज के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डॉ. एके पांडे का कहना है कि 3.6 मीटर दूरबीन की सुविधा हो जाने से डार्क मैटर का आब्जवेंशन यहराई के साथ किया जा सकेगा।

प्रशासनिक अकादमी में जागरण से डॉ. पांडे ने बताया कि अंतरिक्ष में कई ऐसी शक्तियां व पदार्थ मौजूद हैं, जो दिखाई नहीं देते। उन्हीं में एक अनसीन मैटर यानि डार्क मैटर है। वर्ष 1998 में उनके साथ एरीज के डॉ. योगेश जोशी, साथ में टाटा इंस्टीटयूट फंडामेंटल रिसर्च मुंबई के डॉ. डी. नरसिम्हा व फ्रांस के वैज्ञानिकों की संयुक्त टीम ने शोध शुरू किया। इसको पूरा करने

में तीन साल लगा। अदश्य पदार्थ को खोजने में एरीज स्थित संपूर्णानंद नामक एक मीटर की ऑप्टिकल दूस्बीन की सहायता ली गई थी। शोध कार्य हमारी पड़ोस की आकाशगंगा एंड्रोमीडा पर किया गया। अब 3.6 मीटर की दूरबीन की अत्याधुनिक सुविधा उपलब्ध है। जिससे अंतरिक्ष के अदृश्य पदार्थ के आगे के अध्ययन में बेहद मदद मिलेगी।

आएंगी। यह कहना है बेल्जियम से आए वैज्ञानिक डॉ. पीटर डी कैट का। वह देवस्थल में निर्माणाधीन चार मीटर टेलीस्कोप के शोधकर्ता है।

गुरुवार को प्रशासनिक अकादमी में जागरण से भेंट में डॉ. कैट ने कहा कि अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान में साझा परियोजनाएं दोनों ही देशों के लिए लाभकारी होती हैं। एरीज के साथ 3.6 मीटर आप्टिकल टेलीस्कोप के बाद चार मीटर लिक्विड टलास्काभ के बाद भार मिटर लिक्सभ का बाद आगारी योजनाओं में अनुबंध होंगे। जिसमें इन देशों के अलावा अन्य देश भी शामिल हो। सकते हैं। लिविवड टेलिस्कोप एरीज के मुख्य शोधकर्ता डा. संतीष जोशी ने कहा कि आकाशीय अध्ययन के लिए भौगोलिक आकाशीय अध्ययन के लिए भौगोलिक लिंहाज से देवस्थल बेहद उपयुक्त जगह लोकप्रिय हो चुका है।



डॉ. पीटर डी केट व डॉ. संतोष जोशी।

है। अक्षांश और देशांतर भौगोलि रेखाओं के लिहाज से पूरे विश्व में प्रे स्थान नहीं है। जिस कारण बहुत व समय में यह स्थान विश्व स्तर

सुलझेंगे ब्रह्मांड के रहस्य

भारत-बेल्जियम की 30 मीटर व 3.6 मीटर दूरबीन पर कार्यशाला शुरू





नैनीताल में एरीज द्वारा आयोजित कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते प्रो. स्वर्ण के घोष व अन्य तथा कार्यशाला में उपस्थित वैज्ञानिक।

जागरण

जागरण संवाददाता, नैनीताल: भारत-बेल्जियम की साझा परियोजनाएं दोनों देशों को खगोल विज्ञान की दुनिया में नए आयाम तक पहुंचाएंगी। साझेदारी के साथ सफलता के मुकाम तक पहुंचाने वाले दुनिया के कई विकसित देश इसके प्रत्यक्ष उदाहरण हैं। यह विचार टाटा इंस्टियूट ऑफ फंडामेंटल रिसर्च मुंबई व नेशनल सेंटर फ्रांप रेडियो एस्ट्रोफिजिक्स पुणे के निरंशक प्रो. स्वर्ण के घोष ने व्यक्त किए। वे आर्थमट्ट प्रेक्षण विज्ञान शोध संस्थान एरीज की चार दिवसीय कार्यशाला को संबोधित कर रहे थे। कार्यशाला में भारत व बेल्जियम समेत थाइलैंड व जापान के वैज्ञानिक पहुँचे हुए हैं।

मंगलवार को प्रशासनिक अकादमी के सभागार में आयोजित कार्यशाला में प्री. घोष ने कहा कि वर्तमान में विश्व में बन रही तमाम बड़ी योजनाएं आपसी साझेदारी से पूरी की जा रही हैं। इसके पीछे बड़ा कारण फंडिंग है। देवस्थल में निर्मित 3.6 मीटर ऑप्टिकल व्यास दूरबीन से खगोलीय पिंडों की खोज में भरपूर मदद मिलेगी। साथ इसके निर्माण के दौरान मिला अनुभव भी भविष्य में काम आएगा। देवस्थल में स्थापित आप्टिकल दूरवीन की सफलता के चलते ही चार मीटर व्यास की लिक्विड दुरबीन का निर्माण कार्य प्रगति पर है। लिक्विड दूरबीन खगोल की जांच पड़ताल करने में अत्याधुनिक तकनीक है। निर्माणाधीन 30 मीटर की दूरबीन के आगे के निर्माण में भी एरीज की दोनों दूरबीनों का अनुभव मददगार साबित होगा। एरीज के कार्यवाहक निदेशक डॉ. वहाबउददीन ने कहा कि चार देशों के वैज्ञानिकों की कार्यशाला में वैज्ञानिकों के विचार 3.6 मीटर दुरबीन को खोज के क्षेत्र में नई दिशा देंगे। वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डॉ. बी सनवाल ने कहा कि तकनीक के लिहाज से यह दूरबीन दुनिया की अन्य दूरबीनों की तुलना में कहीं अधिक कारगर साबित होगी।

डॉ वृजेश कुमार ने आब्बर्वेशन के लिहाज से देवस्थल की भौगोलिक स्थिति के बारे में जानकारी दी। डॉ. शशिभूषण मांडे ने देवस्थल की दूरबीन के जांच के दौरान प्रथम चरण के परिणाम बताए। बीना के मीआई बेल्जियम के वैज्ञातिक डॉ. पीटर डी कैट

चांद-तारों की भी हो सकेगी खोज

रमेश चंद्रा, नैनीतालः

देश में पहली बार चार मीटर व्यास की लिक्वड मिरर टेलीस्कोप स्थापित किए जाने का कार्य प्रगति पर है। इस परियोजना में दूरबीन बेल्जियम की होगी, जबिक भूमि और दूरबीन का भवन एरीज का। यह दूरबीन ना केवल आकाश की गहराइयों में झांकने में सक्षम होगी, बिल्कं पृथ्वी के निचले हिस्से के चांद तारों को भी खोज सकेगी साझा परियोजना में बेल्जियम दो मिलियन यूरो तथा एरीज पांच करोड़ रुपया खर्च कर रहा है। आर्यभटट् प्रेक्षण विज्ञान शोध संस्थान एरीज के देवस्थल में यह दूरबीन लगाई जा रही है।

वैज्ञानिकों का मानना है कि इस दूरबीन से नए ग्रहों को खोजने में मदद मिलेगी। आंखों से दूर ओझल तारों को देखने के साथ ही तारों में होने वाले विस्फोटों का पता लगाने में मददगार साबित होगी। इतना ही नहीं इसकी मदद से 23-24 मेमनीट्यूट की चमक वाले तारों का आब्जर्वेशन कियाजा सकेगा। अगले छह माह के मीतर दूरबीन का निर्माण पूरा होने की संभावना है।

दूरबीन का भवन बनकर तैयार हो चुका है। बेल्जियम व एरीज के वैज्ञानिकों समेत इंजीनियर्स की पूरी टीम इस कार्य को पूरा करने में जुटी है। एरीज की ओर से वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डा. एके पांडे इस परियोजना के प्रमुख शोधकर्ता हैं। परियोजना में



नेनीताल के देवस्थल में निर्माणाधीन चार मीटर लिविवड मिरर टेलीस्कोप। जागरण

- एरीज के देवस्थल में बन रही है देश की पहली लिविवड मिरर दुरबीन
- दूरबीन बेल्जियम की और भवन व जमीन भारत की

शामिल बेल्जियम के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. ज्यॉन सुरदेश के अनुसार परियोजना अगले वर्ष के मध्य में बनकर तैयार हो जाएगी। परियोजना की सफलता दोनों देशों के लिए गौरव की बात होगी। इसका लाभ आने वाली पीढ़ी को भी मिलेगा।

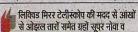
लिक्वड मिरर दूरबीन की महत्ता पर प्रकाश डाला। संचालन डॉ. एके पांडे ने किया। मुख्य जांचकर्ता डॉ. संतोष जोशी ने एरीज व बेल्जियम की साझेदारी पर प्रकाश डाला। टीआईएफआर मुंबई के डॉ. देवेंद्र के ओझा, आयुका पूणे के एएन रामप्रकाश, टोक्यो जापान के डॉ. एन कौबायाशीं, एरीज के डॉ. एम

गोपीनाथन आदि ने कार्यशाला में विचार रखे। इस अवसर पर बेल्जियम के डॉ. जॉन सुरदेज व डॉ. मिशेल डी बेकर, पीआरएल अहमदाबाद के सचिंद्र नायक समेत हरीश तिवारी, संजय शर्मा, सतीश कुमार सिंह आदि सहित विभिन्न देशों के अतिथि

देवस्थल में स्थापित 3.6 मीटर दूरबीन का निर्माण बडी चुनोती थी। दुरबीन के पहले चरण



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-डॉ . ज्यॉन सुरेदश बेल्जियम वैज्ञानिकों के अध्ययन के लिए लिविवड मिरर टेलीस्कोप की जरूरत थी। इंससे



खगोलीय दुनिया के क्षेत्र में पूरे विश्व में भारत का नाम रोशन होगा। इस दूरबीन की सुविधा विकसित हो जाना देश के लिए गर्व करने की बात होगी।

-प्रो एसके घोष, निदेशक टाटा इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फंडामेंटल रिसर्च मुंबई

3. Photo Gallery



Fig. 1: Inaugural Function



Fig. 2 : Lightning of Diya and Inaugurating the First BINA workshop by Prof. S. K. Ghosh, Director of NCRA-TIFR (Pune, India)



Fig. 3 : Guests of the first BINA workshop.



Fig. 4: Group photographs of BINA participants.



Fig. 5 : Visit of BINA participants on the observing site at Devasthal where 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT are located.



Fig. 6 : Dr. Arbinda Mitra (DST) briefing to BINA participants on various ongoing programmes being conducted by DST.



Fig. 7: Dr. S. K. Varshney (DST) addressing to the BINA participants.



Fig 8: Prize distribution by Dr. S. K. Varshney to one of the winners of best poster presentation.

ANNEX 4: Message from Prof. Asutosh Sharma (Secretary of DST; Govt. of India)



प्रो. आशुतोष शर्मा Prof. Ashutosh Sharma



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11th November, 2016

MESSAGE

The Belgo-Indian Network for Astronomy and Astrophysics (BINA) is a networks of astronomers from different institutes of India and Belgium financially supported by DST Govt of India and BELSPO (Belgian Federal Science Policy Office), Govt of Belgium for a period of three years. I am happy to know that participants from countries other than India and Belgium, are also attending this conference.

The BINA programme was initiated by Indian and Belgian scientists keeping in mind the upcoming observational facilities at Devasthal. The objective of this network is to address many mysteries of the cosmos such as origin of galaxies, life-cycles of stars, internal structure and evolution of stars, probing the powerful and elusive black holes, search for the first stars and galaxies in the Universe etc. The 3.6-m DOT and 4.0-m ILMT will serve the international astronomy community for time critical observations those requires 4-m class optical telescopes to fill the large longitudinal gap in large optical observing facilities between Canary Island and Eastern Australia. These two telescopes would become even more important for creating experienced and trained personnel for future large optical facilities such as the Thirty Meter Telescope - TMT, one of the mega-project where India is participating. I congratulate ARIES for their efforts to establish such state of art facilities at Devasthal.

The BINA collaboration should be extended through the observations taken with other telescopes located in both the countries, by providing the complementary optical and near infrared observations of astronomical sources detected in radio wave-lengths by Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT) and in X-ray and UV by ASTROSAT.

The present workshop from 15-18 November, 2016 at ARIES, Nainital, is first kind of activity to summarize and promote scientific collaborative projects that will make the best use of new observing facilities at ARIES. The second BINA workshop is proposed at Belgium in 2017. Such meetings are perfect opportunities to allow face to face discussions during next few days among the participants of BINA workshop for the strengthening the ongoing collaboration and to start new collaboration. I am sure this workshop will give an opportunity to young scientists to interact with the international astronomers to develop front line research programmes as well as cutting edge instruments for the 3.6-m DOT.

I congratulate the organizers for their endeavor and wish BINA Workshop a grand success. \blacktriangle

(Ashutosh Sharma)