

1st BINA workshop “Instrumentation and Science with the 3.6-m DOT and 4-m ILMT”

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The first BINA workshop was the first network activity that was sponsored by BINA. This 4-day event was hosted by ARIES in Nainital (India) and took place from 15 to 18 November in 2016. The theme of this workshop was “Instrumentation and Science with the 3.6-m DOT and 4-m ILMT”. There were 107 participants from 8 different countries, including 88 from India and 10 from Belgium. It was the ideal opportunity for the Belgian participants to get the first face-to-face contact with members of the large Indian astronomical community.

During the workshop, an overview of the existing instruments of the Indo-Belgian and other telescopes of interest was given and the requirements for the next-generation instrumentation were discussed. Members of the BINA institutes had the opportunity to introduce their scientific interests to the participants. This allowed to further strengthen ongoing collaborations and to start new ones.

The proceedings of this conference are published in issue 87 of the peer-reviewed online journal *Bulletin de la Société Royale des Sciences de Liège* and are freely available [online](#). The highlights of this workshop are summarized by [De Cat et al. \(2018, “Proceedings of the 1st BINA workshop: Instrumentation and Science with the 3.6-m DOT and 4-m ILMT telescopes”, BSRSL, 87, 1\)](#).