

# 3<sup>rd</sup> BINA workshop “Scientific impact of the Indo-Belgian telescopes” (22/03/2023-24/03/2023)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> BINA WORKSHOP Scientific potential of the Indo-Belgian cooperation Graphic Era Hill University, Bhimtal 22-24 March, 2023



The inauguration of the ILMT took place at the Devasthal observatory on 21/03/2023. The telescope was inaugurated jointly by Lt. Ge. (Retd.) Gurmit Singh (Governor of Uttarakhand) and Dr Jitendra Singh (Minister of State for Science and Technology, Govt. of India) and this facility was opened for the national and international astronomical community. This inauguration event was followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> BINA workshop that was organised by ARIES on the campus of the Graphic Era Hill University in Bhimtal (India) on 22/03/2023-24/03/2023. This event was inaugurated by Mr Didier Vanderhasselt (ambassador of Belgium in India) in the presence of Dr S. K. Varshney (DST, Govt of India), representatives from BELSPO (Belgium) and other dignitaries from India and Belgium. The BINA-2 funding was used to pay for the participation of 10 members of the Belgian BINA partner institutes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> BINA workshop (Michaël De Becker, ULiège; Théo Furst, ROB/ULiège; Laurent Mahy, ROB; Thibault Merle, ROB/ULB; Katrien Kolenberg, UAntwerp/KU Leuven; Anwasha Maharana, KU Leuven; Tinatin Baratashvili, KU Leuven; M. Changmai, KU Leuven; Karan Singh Dsilva, ULB; Bharti Arora, ULiège). There were 143 participants from 12 different countries, including a total of 18 from Belgium, reflecting the success of BINA in stimulating collaborations between Belgium and India in space sciences. For the first time, special attention was given to solar physics (separate session) and scientific outreach (general talks for students in local schools and universities and star-viewing activities for the general public), reflecting that the scope and the size of the network are still growing. During these three days, a total of 58 oral and 81 poster presentations were given by participants. In total, 94 research articles were submitted for the proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BINA workshop [Joshi et al., 2024, "[Proceedings of the 3rd BINA Workshop: Scientific Potential of Indo-Belgian Co-operation](#)", *Bulletin de la Société Royale des Sciences de Liège* 93(2), 1]. They are published in no. 2 of volume 93 (year 2024) of the *Bulletin de la Société Royale des Sciences de Liège* and are freely available [online](#).