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Dear Dr Mariana Orellana,

**As a valued member of the *Astronomy & Astrophysics* community, we would like to make you aware of an important change to the journal's publishing policy, effective for papers submitted to A&A from 2 April 2025**

Since 2022, the *Astronomy & Astrophysics* Journal (A&A) has been published in open access under the Subscribe to open (S2O) model conditional on the renewals of library subscriptions, allowing unrestricted access to all papers published in the journal, regardless of geographic or economic barriers. We are strongly committed to maintaining this policy in the future, and continuing to publish A&A as a journal by astronomers, for astronomers.

The number of papers published in A&A has been growing steadily, and the trend has accelerated in recent years due, in part, to the journal's commitment to ensuring equitable access to science through its publication under the S2O model.

However, alongside the growth in the number of articles, the average length of papers has also been increasing. Too often, papers are longer than necessary, leading to increased workload for authors, referees, and editors, and hindering the reader's ability to efficiently grasp their content. As well as needing logistical consideration, the challenges related to the journal's growth have financial implications that must be addressed to ensure long-term sustainability.

With all this in view, the A&A Board of Directors, together with the A&A Editors, has decided to implement publication costs for papers exceeding a size limit, effective for papers submitted to A&A from 2 April 2025.

of appendices) or Letter (appendices only) will need to pay a page charge that supports the additional costs associated with the longer format. Page charges will be tiered, reflecting the additional support already provided by sponsoring countries and subscribing institutions.

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By encouraging authors to be more selective about what they include in the main body of their papers, we hope to promote clearer and more concise presentations of research without sacrificing scientific depth. We strongly believe that with these changes, the community can help to increase the sustainability of scientific publishing by reducing publication costs without sacrificing the quality of the journal or its open access model.

We believe this policy change will serve both authors and readers well. As always, we remain committed to the growth and dissemination of astronomical knowledge, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this important change.

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With best wishes,

**Arūnas Kučinskas and Thierry Forveille on behalf of the A&A Board and Editors**