

A MAJOR STEP FORWARD: MOVING TO THE OJS PLATFORM

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The past year has witnessed some significant actions and achievements in the editorial management of this journal. We would just like to recall the adoption of the Creative Commons Attribution License [1], the awarding of the SPARC Europe Seal for Open Access Journals, and the agreement entered with EBSCO Publishing for the inclusion of the content of this journal in their information products [2].

Starting with the current issue, our readers will now notice a major change in the web interface of the journal. The change is not limited to the graphical design of the site but more radically affects the journal management and publishing system. In fact, we have just moved to Open Journal Systems (OJS) [3], a professional environment that has been developed, supported, and freely distributed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) [4] under the GNU General Public License [5]. PKP “is a research and development initiative directed toward improving the scholarly and public quality of academic research through the development of innovative online publishing and knowledge-sharing environments” [4]. The project, initiated in 1998 by John Willinsky at the University of British Columbia, is based on open-source software [6] and has already released a number of “tools” for the management and publishing of journals and conferences as well as for the indexing of research and scholarship.

The electronic version of *Atti della Accademia Peloritana dei Pericolanti – Classe di Scienze Fisiche, Matematiche e Naturali* was launched in 2005 [7]. The original format was based on a custom-built system for the online display and download of journal articles, which had been implemented by the personnel working at the *Centro di Ateneo per le Biblioteche* (CAB) of the University of Messina [8]. Since then, seven volumes (81–87), including nine issues and one supplement, have been released: as of today, all the papers contained therein have been imported and archived into our new publishing system. Again, the migration of the journal to the OJS platform has been supervised and successfully dealt with by the CAB staff whose professional assistance and generous commitment have always been key components in the development of this self-sustained editorial initiative.

We are confident that the new journal management and publishing system may serve more efficiently the interests and needs of the academic community, while further highlighting AAPP’s presence in the scholarly publishers’ space promoting open access to scientific knowledge.

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