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Since my appointment as the *Editor-in-Chief* of *Europhysics Letters (EPL)* is reaching its regular end, I wish to thank all my colleagues who have devoted a lot of their time and energy to the success of the journal.

I wish to address my gratitude to the members of the Editorial Office in Mulhouse who have contributed to make *EPL* the fastest letters journal for evaluated articles with an efficient handling of the manuscripts and a renovated website. These improvements are also due to a large extent to the Production Office and Distribution Department located in Bologna and Orsay-Les Ulis, respectively.

In order to reach the present level all our colleagues from the Editorial Board have generously devoted much effort to make the evaluation process of the manuscripts fair and comprehensive including better services such as the highlights procedure offered to the best articles. Consequently, the number of submissions has increased by 37% between 2004 and 2006 together with a concomitant rise of published papers despite the drop of the acceptance rate, now at 46%.

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EPL is on good grounds to become the first partner of the project for an open Physics Publishing Platform (P³) based in Europe and I wish good winds to the flagship of the European Fleet.

Denis Jérôme

Editor-in-Chief