

Editorial

The Board of Editors of EPJ B has decided to launch a new section in EPJ B. This new section, entitled *Colloquia*, is intended to host manuscripts that describe the development of new areas of research or the impact of new and promising experimental or theoretical methods in the fields that are within the spectrum of topics covered by EPJ B. The intention is to provide a forum for papers that are not intended as extensive and complete reviews in the usual sense, but will suitably introduce new research directions and techniques in their early stage of development to a wider audience. The Board therefore invites submissions of this type of manuscript which, ideally, capture the attention of both specialists and non-specialists, eager to learn about new developments and new fields having a high potential for scientific progress. There are no strict rules concerning the length of manuscripts but papers with 20 to 50 printed pages seem appropriate. The Editors of EPJ B may solicit manuscripts from prospective authors and contributing authors should identify their submission as being intended to be published in the *Colloquia* section. All submitted manuscripts of this kind will undergo the same refereeing procedure as all other submitted contributions to EPJ B. The first paper that has been assigned to the new *Colloquia* section of EPJ B is published in this issue on page 3. Its length is more or less of the order that we expect and its topic matches the intentions set out by the Board of Editors very well and therefore may serve as an example for future contributions of this kind.

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