

## PHYSICAL REVIEW A

### Notice to Referees

Editorial procedures of the *Physical Review* have been adjusted over the last few years to contain journal growth and to mitigate ensuing problems. Following recommendations of the 1995 APS Task Force on Journal Growth, we attempt to follow acceptance criteria stringently and to act promptly and resolutely in making decisions to accept or reject manuscripts, on the basis of one referee report when possible. The central role of referees in the editorial process is reemphasized in this approach. We appeal to you to provide an incisive, well-justified report as promptly as feasible, indicating explicitly whether in your judgment the manuscript qualifies under each of the following primary criteria:

- Does the paper contain new results in physics that significantly advance the field?
- Does the subject of the paper fall within the purview of *Physical Review A*, or would it be better placed in another journal?
- Is the manuscript in satisfactory form, well-organized, and clearly written in good scientific English? Are the title and abstract sufficiently informative, also for nonspecialist readers, and do they clearly highlight the essential advances of this work?

We thank you in advance for your help.

The Editors