

Preface

The idea for organising a conference to celebrate Ant's contributions to star formation has been floating around for a few years. We considered various locations and we finally chose Crete inspired by Ant's declared love for the place. The meeting took place near Chania at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, a conference centre next to a seventeenth-century monastery. It was attended by around 120 participants from all over the world, many of which have interacted with Ant in the past.

The conference theme was chosen to reflect Ant's interests in star formation and computational astrophysics. We covered many topics: low-mass star formation, young circumstellar discs, computational methods, triggered star formation, the stellar initial mass function, high-mass star formation, and stellar clusters. Each chapter starts with a review contribution that is followed by papers focusing on recent theoretical and observational work.

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It was amazing to hear and discuss new ideas, and argue over older ideas in a relaxing environment overlooking the Aegean sea. We hope that new theories and observations using new facilities will soon draw a more complete picture of star formation.

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