

## Foreword

Following an Agreement of cooperation between the Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Landessterwarte Königstuhl Heidelberg in stellar astrophysics and spectroscopy, an echelle fibre fed two-channel spectrograph HEROS was attached to the Cassegrain focus of the Ondřejov 2m telescope in August 2000. It has been continuously used for stellar spectroscopy until March 2003. Most of the observing time was dedicated to obtaining echelle spectra of B and Be stars. The cooperation was extremely successful and it lead to obtaining a large number of good quality echelle spectra, which have been used to publish a number of important scientific papers.

In September 2004 (20-25) in the frame of the 78th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Astronomische Gesellschaft in Prague, a one afternoon splinter meeting “Active B stars” was organized by Stanislav Štefl, Thomas Rivinius, Dietrich Baade, and Jiří Kubát. At this meeting some results of the collaboration effort in the field of B stars were presented. These proceedings present contributions presented at this splinter meeting.

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