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This is the promised follow-up to the Bulletin from the Standing Committee on Observing which all Centres received last month.

As was mentioned at that time, no attempt is being made to standardise or direct the observing activities of the local Centres. On the other hand, many members have recently been criticising the isolation of the Centres as far as observing is concerned. The displays of amateur work at the last few Annual Meetings have been a beginning - but there remains little real contact in between times. As I see it, the job of National Co-ordinator is to keep in close touch with each Centre, receive from them periodic reports of their activities, and then pass on this information to all Centres by means of regular bulletins. In this way ideas for worthwhile projects can be secured, each Centre's observing programme can be more easily planned and unnecessary duplication can be avoided. Furthermore, it may be possible, if the system works out as hoped, to provide some sort of outlet for all our efforts in the form of a publication of amateur work at the national level.

I am hoping for a lively response from our various Lunar groups. Interest in the moon is reviving at an amazing rate these days - for obvious reasons. The field is wide and varied enough for any taste, and useful work of some sort can be done with any telescope from a 2.4" refractor up.

For a start, I would like to hear from the member in each Centre who has chosen or been chosen to represent the Lunar observers. I would also appreciate any suggestions or thoughts you may have on the problem of national Lunar co-ordination.

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