

EDITORIAL

This last volume of the Bulletin that I am editing once again gives a nice overview on the mathematical activities in Ireland in the past year. Finbarr Holland's note on what he was taught in secondary school ties in very well with Bernd Kreussler's report on the 51st IMO and the lack of knowledge of the Irish participants in some areas of Mathematics. Four survey articles on Mathematical Education highlight the need for future reflection and development at both the secondary and tertiary level. Are some parts of mathematical thinking getting lost in our society or is it just a shift towards a new era? The diversity of mathematical research done on this island is illustrated by not less than 11 abstracts of PhD theses submitted in 2010.

Leaving my job as editor of this Bulletin now allows me to look back on 10 years of service to the Society which I enjoyed and found very rewarding. To my successor, Tony O'Farrell, I wish ádh mór ort and that he will get the same valuable support that I received during my time as editor. While the web page for the Bulletin remains the same

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My thanks go to the readers of the Bulletin and all those who contributed to its success.

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