

EDITORIAL

With this issue, the Bulletin is now almost on schedule. Recent delays are regretted. As a result of the delay in the circulation of the Summer number, the Committee agreed to defer decisions on the final destination of the two new journals received in exchange for the Bulletin, because Irish institutions that might be interested in storing them may not have had sufficient notice. In the meantime, new exchanges have been agreed, so I now invite expressions of interest in housing the following:

Iranian Journal of Mathematical Chemistry
Note di Matematica (published by Universita del Salento)
International Journal of Group Theory
Transactions on Combinatorics.

In his report, the President draws attention to the Code of Practice approved by the Executive Committee of the European Mathematical Society on October 29, 2012, on the recommendation of the Council of the European Mathematical Society, and came into effect on November 1, 2012. The European Mathematical Society recommends that this Code be adhered to by all mathematicians, editors, and publishers of mathematics, especially those based in Europe, but more generally by all who are concerned with the publication, dissemination, and assessment of mathematical research. It is recommended that this Code of Practice be taken into account by officials of universities and other institutions that employ European mathematicians when transgressions of the Code by their employees are drawn to their attention. The Code emphasises ethical aspects of publication, dissemination, and assessment of mathematics. The European Mathematical Society considers the successful open and transparent publication and dissemination of mathematical research to be of the greatest importance for the future of our subject. Unethical behaviour in publication and dissemination contaminates and jeopardises the integrity and expansion of mathematics, and could have serious consequences for individuals. The Code will be revised within three years, in the light of experience with cases analysed, and after consideration of comments received.

Springer have requested the Society's assistance in contacting authors in connection with their Springer Book Archives (SBA) project. They say this project "is an effort to breathe new life into older books published between 1842 and 2005 by making them available electronically and, if appropriate, in print. Many of these titles are currently out-of-print. SBA books will thus be preserved for future generations of scientists and need never go 'out-of-print' again. Authors will have free access to their electronic version. They will receive royalties on both print and electronic sales. If you were the author of a Springer or Birkhaeuser book published earlier than 2005, and have NOT already been contacted by Springer in this connection by email, please visit the page www.springer.com/SBAauthor and let us know about it. If you know someone who is potentially concerned, for instance a retired colleague or even the family of a deceased colleague, please alert them to this and ask them to contact us."

This issue includes reports of five scientific meetings supported by the Society. The Society also supported the perennial meeting on Groups in Galway and the 7th Annual Conference in Mathematics and Statistics Service Teaching at NUIM. Meeting organisers are encouraged to provide accounts for the Bulletin.

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