

From the Editor,

With this issue the *Arab Journal of Mathematical Sciences* enters its twentieth year of publication. Since the journal went online three years ago, the submission rate has multiplied, and the editorial board was correspondingly expanded over the last two years in order to cope with the increased volume of submissions. Today we are pleased to welcome Professors Jacob Christiansen, of Lund University in Sweden, and Filippo Gazzola, of the Politecnico di Milano in Italy, as new members of the editorial team. Professor Mourad Ismail of the University of Central Florida, who was a member of the advisory board, has also kindly agreed to serve on the editorial board. There is now some overlapping in the special areas of mathematics that the editors cover, so we no longer use this as a label, and only their affiliation is shown.

I should like to take this opportunity to make a couple of other points for the benefit of our respected authors:

1. When a paper is accepted, based on the recommendation of the referees, the editor sometimes notes that the paper needs a thorough language revision. This remark should not be taken lightly, and the author who needs to, should seek help in correcting any language mistakes, especially the more obvious ones. We prefer not to reject a paper based solely on style of presentation, but we also like the papers that we publish to be clear and reasonably well written.
2. Galley proofs provide an opportunity to check the final layout and type-setting of the paper, but unfortunately some authors do not read them carefully enough. I have seen some returned galley proofs with obvious misprints and improper spacing or type-setting. The acceptance letter should not be the end of the game, and the author is responsible for seeing his/her article through to the last step.

We look forward to another year of growth and achievement, and we are grateful to our referees and authors for their continued understanding and support.

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