

## From the Editor

As the *Arab Journal of Mathematical Sciences* enters its twenty first year of publication, we are happy to welcome three new members to the Editorial Board: Professors Dorin Andrica (Number Theory and Topology), Abdellatif Laradji (Algebra), and Alberto Ferrero (Partial Differential Equations). This should reduce the work load for the other editors in these areas and, hopefully, expedite the editorial and review process.

On this occasion I should also like once again to draw the attention of authors who wish to publish their work in the AJMS to some guidelines which they need to be aware of before submitting their manuscripts:

1. The AJMS publishes papers in the mainstream areas of Algebra, Analysis, Geometry/Topology, Differential Equations, and Applied Mathematics. We do not cover fuzzy mathematics, for example. Manuscripts on numerical analysis and statistics can only be considered within a more general mathematical context, as in the use of numerical methods in the treatment of differential equations, or in the more analytical theory of probability and random variables. Needless to say, there are more specialized journals that handle such topics.
2. Aside from its mathematical content, the style and presentation of a manuscript can have some bearing on the decision to accept or reject it. Unfortunately, we still receive many submissions which are poorly prepared in terms of clarity, grammar, punctuation, spacing, etc. The journal editor/reviewer will point out examples of this where they occur, but they will not be able to provide a full language revision. The format and page organization followed by the AJMS can be looked up in any of its back issues. It is the responsibility of the author to present a clear, well organized paper in reasonably good English, even if he/she has to seek help to achieve that.
3. After a paper is accepted and the galley proofs are sent to the author, he/she is strongly urged to take the time to check them carefully for any type-setting or other mistakes. It is really in the interest of the author to give this last step the care and attention it deserves.

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