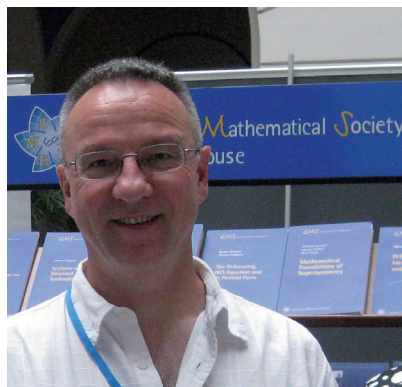


# The EMS Publishing House – Farewell to Thomas Hintermann

Valentin Zagrebnoy (Editor-in-Chief EMS Newsletter)



This issue is the last one published under the aegis of the founder and Managing Director of the EMS Publishing House, Thomas Hintermann, who retired at the end of August.

The idea of founding a publishing house associated with the EMS had first been discussed in 1999. By 2002, Thomas had successfully created a publishing enterprise which operated from Zürich and which was to grow over the years into an internationally renowned and well-running undertaking.

During its many successful years, Thomas systematically followed the editorial philosophy he had declared upon the publishing house's foundation in 2001 and

which he summarised on the occasion of its ten-year jubilee in 2012 in the Newsletter (issue 83, page 5):

“The collection and presentation of scientific results belong in the hands of people who can do it effectively [...] However, commercialism should not determine or influence the way this process is being conducted. The EMS Publishing House, together with a number of other publishers with a similar philosophy, is here to ensure that this is not going to happen.”

We are confident that these principles, coupled with new impulses, will be carried forward by the new EMS Publishing House administration in Berlin under the leadership of André Gaul and Vera Spillner.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Thomas for all the work he has carried out during these years managing the EMS Publishing House in Zürich. We are thankful to him for his help and assistance: always competent, constructive and efficient. We shall strive to keep this friendly and productive atmosphere alive in the EMS Newsletter, and wish Thomas all the best for his future!

# The EMS Publishing House – Welcome to the New Team

Volker Mehrmann (President of the EMS)

After many years of publishing, the EMS can be proud to say that the philosophy declared by the founder of the Publishing House, Thomas Hintermann (see above), has been very successfully followed. With Thomas' retirement approaching, the decision was taken to move the EMS publishing business to Berlin and invite a new leadership team to carry it into the future. André Gaul, mathematician and founder of the startup PaperHive, which brings researchers together to discuss publications, is the new CEO and Managing Director of the EMS Publishing House. Vera Spillner, theoretical physicist and experienced editor, will be the Editorial Director and contact for our authors and editors.

We are looking forward to leading the valuable content of the EMS Publishing House into the future of publishing and to create new publishing opportunities for the mathematical community”, says André Gaul. Open Access will be a major focus of the EMS Publishing

House going forward. The leadership team is working in close cooperation with Volker Mehrmann, thus actively participating in current Open Access developments such as the ICIAM Open Access Manifest. “We are very interested to hear from our authors and the community how they want mathematical content to be published in the future”, says Vera Spillner, “everyone is invited to get in touch with us and share their ideas”. Thomas Hintermann, who has worked closely with the new leadership team over the summer, adds: “I am happy to see the European Mathematical Society Publishing House and our authors getting this chance to grow further into the world of modern publishing, and I wish the new leadership team and the mathematical community the very best of success.”

We are looking forward to the future developments of our EMS Publishing House and I would like send best regards and good wishes to its founder as well as the new leadership team.