

## A message from the president



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For the European Mathematical Society, the big event of 2024 is the Ninth European Congress of Mathematics (ECM) to be held in Seville, Spain from 15 to 19 July. The lists of plenary and invited speakers have been announced on the [website](#).<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the congress will feature an Abel lecture with Avi Wigderson, from the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and a Hirzebruch lecture with Étienne Ghys, from the École Normale Supérieure in Lyon. As something new, there will be special events for early career researchers, organized by the European Mathematical Society Young Academy (EMYA). These will include EMYA lighting talks and an EMYA ice-breaking session. EMYA will also be organizing a panel discussion on sustainability.

Moreover, it will be exciting to see at the ECM who will be this year's winners of the ten ECM prizes, the Felix Klein Prize in applied mathematics, the Otto Neugebauer Prize for the history of mathematics, and our two new prizes: the Lanczos Prize for mathematical software, and the Paul Lévy Prize in probability.

9ECM promises to be an exciting event. Not only is it inspiring because of the program, but also because this is a great opportunity for mathematicians across Europe to meet and celebrate mathematics.

The deadline for early registration has already passed. If you did not register in time for this, I encourage you to do so before the regular deadline 31 May 2024. Since you are reading this Magazine, you are probably already an individual member of the EMS, in which case you will save 100 Euros on the ECM registration, which for many of us is equal to the total EMS membership fee before the next congress. Students of course face a much lower fee altogether. I hope you will encourage your colleagues who may

not read the Magazine to join us in Seville and to become members of the EMS.

Let me use this opportunity to highlight the new online EMS membership database, which allows EMS members to update their personal information and see all their subscriptions. New features will be added in the future.

I will not keep you for too much longer, as I am excited for you to read the rest of this issue, no. 131, of the EMS Magazine. I would nevertheless like to conclude with two important changes regarding EMS publications. As of 1 January 2024, Barbara Kaltenbacher has stepped down as editor-in-chief of the Journal of the European Mathematical Society (JEMS). Susanna Terracini has taken over from Barbara and is joining Anton Alexeev as part of the editor-in-chief team of JEMS. We are all indebted to Barbara for the hard work she has invested in JEMS. We owe her and Anton credit for the recent success we have seen in the development and flourishing of the journal. I am sure JEMS will continue to excel now with Susanna and Anton at the helm.

The final point I would like to make with this message is that the next issue, no. 132, of the EMS Magazine will be the last with Fernando Manuel Pestana da Costa as Magazine editor-in-chief. Fernando has been editor-in-chief since 2020 and has been on the editorial board since 2017. Though it is still a little too soon to say goodbye to Fernando, as he will be editing one more issue of the Magazine, he will be greatly missed. We thank Fernando for all his hard work and dedication to the Magazine. I am thrilled to announce that Donatella Donatelli has accepted our invitation to take over from Fernando. Donatella has been the book reviews editor for the Magazine since 2021. I am very much looking forward to working closely with Donatella and I hope you will all join me in welcoming her as editor-in-chief for the EMS Magazine.

I hope to see many of you in Seville in July!

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President of the EMS

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ecm2024sevilla.com>