

Editorial: One Year After...

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This issue of the newsletter rounds off my first one-year period as the Editor-in-Chief of the EMS Newsletter. I would like to sum up this period of newsletter life by summarising the activity and evolution of the editorial board, as well as giving a description of some of our recent projects.

Editorial board and rotations

I would like to start with the almost permanent problem of rotation and of how to attract active enthusiasts to the board who are able to help the EMS Newsletter function effectively. The table below summarises the composition of the current editorial board.

As you can see, there are *four* rotations at the end of this year. Two of them need to be replaced and I already have suggestions concerning potential candidates from Eva Miranda and Olaf Teschke. For the other two (Volker Remmert and Jean-Paul Allouche), I am going to propose 4-year term extensions and then suggest their candidatures to the EMS Executive Committee for approval in November 2017. In addition, I would also like to invite two more people to join the board to ensure progress with some new projects that we have recently discussed and launched.

Projects

Since 2016, several ideas within the framework of “YMCo Future” have been proposed and then developed by Vladimir Salnikov. Note that the *EMS Newsletter* regularly publishes interviews with Abel Prize winners. A

new idea is to publish, at the same regularity, interviews with *EMS Distinguished Speakers*. This could, for example, be run by YMCo (Young Mathematicians’ Column), who would certainly provide the proper emphasis for a younger audience. YMCo is concerned with the position of young researchers in the scientific community so it welcomes material like this.

I would like to note that, besides features and discussion articles, interviews with Abel winners and distinguished speakers are the most demanded for republication and translation to other sources. The most important “consumer” of our publications is the *Mathematical Advances in Translation* of the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Recently, *Mathematical Advances in Translation* requested authorisation from the *EMS Newsletter* to translate for republication in Chinese the interview with Abel Laureate Sir Andrew Wiles, which was published in *Newsletter* 101 (2016), and the interview (in *Newsletter* 102) with Ernest B. Vinberg, the *EMS Distinguished Speaker* for 2016.

A reciprocity agreement between the French Mathematical Society (SMF) *La Gazette de Mathématiciens* and the *EMS Newsletter* was approved by both sides in 2017. This agreement with the SMF supports the exchange of articles, as well as French/English translations by request. The first result of this cooperation is a translation for the current issue, by Javier Fresán, of the article “On the traces of operators (from Grothendieck to Lidskii)”, written by D. Robert. Appreciating the

Name	Begin	End	Notes	Terms
Valentin A. Zagrebnov	2016-07-01	2020-06-30	Editor-in-Chief	4
Michael Th. Rassias	2017-01-01	2018-12-31	Problem Corner	2
Fernando P. da Costa	2017-01-01	2020-12-31	Societies	4
Dierk Schleicher	2017-01-01	2020-12-31	Features + Discussions	4+4
Volker Remmert	2013-09-30	2017-12-31	History	4
Eva Miranda	2010-03-30	2017-12-31	Research Centres	4+4
Jean-Paul Allouche	2014-03-30	2017-12-31	Book Reviews	4
Olaf Teschke	2010-06-30	2017-12-31	zbMATH	4+4
Vladimir Kostic	2014-09-30	2018-12-31	Social Media + YMCo	4
Jean-Luc Dorier	2015-01-01	2018-12-31	Education	4
Javier Fresán	2015-01-01	2018-12-31	YMCo + Contacts with SMF	4
Vladimir Popov	2015-01-01	2018-12-31	Features + Discussions	4
Vladimir Salnikov	2015-01-01	2018-12-31	YMCo	4
Ramla Abdelatif	2015-01-01	2018-12-31	Contacts with SMF + YMCo	4

enthusiasm of Javier Fresán and Fernando P. da Costa, who has translated an article for the next issue of the newsletter from *La Gazette de Mathématiciens*, I think we need to carry out this activity at a systematic level. In 2018, we need to reinforce the editorial board with francophones to take charge of the contact between the *EMS Newsletter* and the SMF and, in particular, with *La Gazette de Mathématiciens* (Editor-in-Chief Boris Adamczewski).

I would like to note that the reciprocity agreement between *La Gazette de Mathématiciens* and the EMS Newsletter is an example of bilateral cooperation involving French/English translations. On the other hand,

republishing of interesting articles is standard practice for the *EMS Newsletter*.

Another project is a new section called Archives. This was an initiative of Volker Remmert. It allows us to improve and to diversify presentations that were previously limited to the History Section. The current issue contains the second publication of the Archives Section.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the past and present members of the editorial board for helping run the *EMS Newsletter* and attracting the interest of the mathematical community of the world to our publication. Reactions and proposals of our readers are always very welcome and carefully considered.
