

**EDITORIAL: 10 YEARS OF AADM**

This journal was born and baptized during the conference *Topics in Mathematical Analysis and Graph Theory (MAGT)*, held in Belgrade in the beginning of September 2006. The details of MAGT can be found at <http://magt.etf.rs>. Being a satellite meeting of ICM 2006 held in Madrid, the conference gathered together around 100 mathematicians from all continents. The first issue of AADM was in fact the proceedings of MAGT with 24 selected papers. There were two editorials, *A Change of Era* by PETER LEACH, and *From PEF to AADM, via MAGT* by myself. PEF is an abbreviation to *Publikacije Elektrotehničkog Fakulteta - Serija Matematika*, which is the predecessor of AADM, and whose predecessor was a journal founded in the year 1956, with the name *Publikacije Elektrotehničkog Fakulteta - Serija Matematika i Fizika*.

It was not an easy task to transform PEF into a modern and truly international journal in the sense of both authors and members of the Editorial Board. In the old days it was easier to run a journal. Journals were respectable because of their editors, publishing policy, authors of published papers, etc., without relying on impact factors. In general, authors would submit a paper only when they had something substantial to say, and most mathematical papers used to have a single author. The scientific work of researchers was not evaluated solely by the number of papers or by the impact factors of journals where they were published. There were no predatory journals, and there were fewer instances of plagiarism and other kinds of dishonest behavior.

Our editorial team was doing a great work towards making a good journal in every way. Among other things, several years ago we formulated together our explicit publishing policy and made it public at the AADM's site. It turned out that this move brought us more substantial papers.

I strongly believe that independence and neutrality of editors are fundamental values and essential for any journal. The editorial team should have an autonomy for making decisions based only on their own judging, with help from referees. Also, a submission has to be treated only by its contents, regardless of names and affiliations of authors. I was privileged to lead a team that shared these values with me. We had a marvelous cooperation, discussions about every submission, exchanging our opinions and experience with each other.

I wish to thank all members of Editorial Board and Advisory Board, as well as numerous referees, for their invaluable contributions to bringing AADM to its current shape. Special thanks go to managing editor MARK DANIEL WARD, who was amazingly enthusiastic and incredibly able to find a solution in several seemingly helpless situations.

The first version of the AADM site and editorial system was designed by DEJAN BELJIĆ, following my ad-hoc instructions. As the time was passing, new functionalities were appearing to be necessary, and Dejan was patching the system accordingly. Our current system administrator, MILOŠ TODOROVIĆ, improved the site to fit new needs, and also made a new version of the editorial system. I appreciate their work, and I thank them for being patient and ready to fulfill my requests that were often seemingly impossible.

Although the authors of an accepted paper need to typeset it in a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X template adopted to the journal's style, there is always a need for improving the raw file in the spectrum from fine tuning or changing the positions of figures to correcting the language and grammar. Our technical editors, DR. DOBRILLO TOŠIĆ and SRĐAN RADOVANOVIĆ, were in charge of this part, in cooperation with authors—often in several iterations—until a desired final look was achieved.

It was my great pleasure to communicate with members of the KOBSON team, who were in charge of assigning a doi identification to each accepted article. In several instances they agreed without reservation to my somewhat exotic proposals that significantly improved and shortened the procedure. Our co-publisher, Academic Mind, was always ready to print hard copies of each new issue in the minimal possible time. Finally, thanks to editorial assistant DR. MIRKO JOVANOVIĆ for all these 10 years of organizing the distribution of printed journal to recipients.

After a total of 27 years of serving in this journal and its predecessors, I am now withdrawing myself from AADM. I wish the best of luck and success to the new leadership of the journal.

*Milan Merkle*

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It has been a great pleasure to work with Editor-In-Chief MILAN MERKLE and with the entire Editorial Board for AADM. In my role as Managing Editor, I had many enjoyable and productive conversations with the members of the Editorial Board. I also appreciate the many external referees who voluntarily contributed their time to read manuscripts and to offer their opinions and insights. Being the Managing Editor for AADM has been one of the highlights of my scientific career.

*Mark Daniel Ward*