

Editorial

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September 2018 marks an important milestone for the Journal of Statistical Physics: Joel Lebowitz will step down from his role as Chief Editor of the journal. Through the many decades of his leadership, he kept the journal at the forefront of a rapidly evolving subject, and provided an essential forum for the development of research in this area. We are all deeply grateful for his tireless service to the journal and, more broadly, to the statistical physics community, which will certainly join us in applauding Joel's achievements and contributions to JSP.

Going forward this Fall, the Journal of Statistical Physics will be directed by a new editorial board, consisting of the six of us, serving as co-Editor-in-Chief, together with a panel of almost 50 associate editors, each a strong leader in his or her field of research. Let us take this opportunity to thank all the associate editors who served the journal in the last years for their commitment and dedication. Let us mention and thank, in particular, the associated editors who are stepping down at the end of August 2018, after many years of dedicated service. Let us also warmly welcome our new associated editors, who will help us in providing fair and high quality assessment of the submitted manuscripts and a speedy publication process.

The new editorial team will strive to ensure that the Journal remains an essential forum for the interchange of ideas that drive research progress in our rapidly evolving field. It is our intention to keep JSP a journal with a specific peculiar flavor lying at the interface between mathematical and theoretical statistical physics.

JSP will continue to publish fundamental papers that advance the state of the art in statistical mechanics per se, equilibrium and non-equilibrium, classical and quantum, and will also reach out to new fields such as quantum information theory and quantitative biophysics, in which the methods of statistical physics are playing an increasing important role.

We are looking forward to the new course of the journal. We will put our best efforts for strengthening JSP as a reference journal in the field of statistical physics, and for further expanding it in new, unexpected, directions.