Editorial

In the last few years, *Proceedings – Mathematical Sciences* has been further streamlined in handling the submission of articles received. An Editorial Board consisting of corresponding editors in different fields of mathematics was formed, in addition to having an Advisory Board. This has helped us greatly.

It is our constant endeavour to process the papers efficiently in a professional way. Now all the submissions are processed through an online system. Currently, we are receiving about 400 articles per year from all over the world. During article submission, the authors are required to mention subject classification numbers and also to choose the relevant member from the Editorial Board. If *prima facie* an article is found not suitable for the journal, it is rejected immediately, saving time for both the authors as well as the referees. The rejection rate is at present as high as 80 per cent. The remaining articles are sent to appropriate Editorial Board members to identify suitable referees. Peer reviewing of mathematics research papers is not easy. Hence I take this opportunity to thank all the experts who have contributed their valuable time and expertise in evaluating papers for the journal.

This year, Prof. S D Adhikari and Prof. T R Ramadas have opted out of the Editorial Board for personal reasons. We thank them for their services. Prof. Sanoli Gun, an expert number theorist and Prof. Sukanta Pati, a specialist in the areas of graph theory, matrix theory and combinatorics have been inducted into the Editorial Board. We welcome them.

The publication agreement with Springer has helped us to have global presence and to improve efficiency. As a further step in this direction, we are migrating from the current mode of publishing to Continuous Article Publishing (CAP) mode. As a result, each accepted article will be published online immediately with a DOI and article citation ID (page number starting from 1). This way articles will be visible in Web of Science immediately. This will lead to shorter publication time and will provide improved visibility for the published articles.

We do hope all these will greatly benefit the authors contributing quality papers to *Proceedings – Mathematical Sciences*.

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