Editorial

In the nearly ten years since Chris Godsil, Ian Goulden, and David Jackson founded the Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics, it has grown to become one of the leading journals in our field. From the outset, this Journal has attracted manuscripts of very high calibre—glancing through the tables of contents of the first eleven volumes, one will recognize the names of many of the foremost researchers in all branches of algebraic combinatorics. As the founding Editors-in-Chief saw in 1990, the time was right for a journal dedicated to the interactions between algebraic and combinatorial methods. Its success has depended not only on the steady supply of interesting manuscripts submitted for publication, but also on the willingness of our colleagues to act as anonymous referees, on the sound guidance of the members of the Advisory and Editorial Boards, and on the tireless efforts of the editorial staff at Kluwer in supporting the production of the Journal.

This issue marks a transition—the original Editors-in-Chief are stepping down and a new crew is taking the helm. We are very pleased to have been invited to manage this Journal, with its well-earned reputation for quality and its smoothly flowing editorial process, and we recognize that it is incumbent upon us to maintain both of these attributes. Despite this change in Editorship, we anticipate that little else about the Journal will be different. Certainly, the subject matter remains algebraic combinatorics in all of its senses, and the Journal still aims to provide a central forum in which progress can be communicated expeditiously within the research community. The success of this venture has become our responsibility, but that success will continue to be—as it has been—a testament to the energy and creativity brought to bear in this area by investigators with diverse mathematical perspectives.

We commend the founding Editors-in-Chief for bringing the Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics into existence and guiding it ably through its formative decade. In partnership with the Advisory and Editorial Boards, with Kluwer, and with our readership, we will continue the Journal on its course and look forward with keen interest to see what the next ten years will bring.

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