Editorial

This is the last number of the *Irish Mathematical Society Bulletin* that I intend to edit, as Martin Mathieu of Queen's University, Belfast has agreed to take over as editor from October 2000.

I have edited fourteen numbers of the *Bulletin*, beginning with the Christmas 1993 edition. During my time as editor, I have had the pleasure to see a number of very enjoyable and informative articles published in the *Bulletin* and I would especially like to thank those people who have contributed articles on a fairly regular basis. My main achievement is perhaps having succeeded in producing the *Bulletin* on a regular and reliable basis. My main regret is that we have never reached that stage where a sufficient number of potential articles is received to make the production of any number of the *Bulletin* a routine affair. Like hard-pressed editors of journals in the past, I have resorted to the expedient of writing articles myself to fill up issues, rather than waiting for the intended article that is supposedly in the pipeline but somehow never actually gets written.

I would particularly like to thank Mícheál Ó Searcóid for his assistance as production manager. Without his help, the *Bulletin* would not have appeared in its elegantly paginated form. His knowledge helped to solve many potentially troublesome typesetting problems beyond my capabilities. I would also like to thank Gordon Lessells for arranging printing and distribution of the *Bulletin*. This is work that is probably never fully appreciated but, without it, the *Bulletin* would not have been available to be read.

I wish Martin Mathieu every success as editor, and trust that he may be able to implement changes in content or format which people have suggested but I was unable to achieve. I would appreciate it if submissions of articles for publication could be to made to him (e-mail m.m@qub.ac.uk) from October 2000 onwards.

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