

Introducing the Publication and Dissemination Committee

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The Publications and Electronic Dissemination Committee

The committee was formed on April 1st 2017

A merger of the former

- ▶ Publication Committee (chaired by Bernard Teissier)
- ▶ Electronic Publication Committee (chaired by Jiří Rákosník)

The date should say something.

Terms of Reference

PEDC's remit is to address issues relating to the publishing of scholarly mathematical literature, and access provision, specifically:

- ▶ Publishing in a broad sense (including electronic publishing, and new publication practices)
- ▶ Open Access, sustainable business model
- ▶ Ethics in publishing, scientific quality of publications, peer review, (ab)use of scientometrics
- ▶ zbMATH, including the role of its Scientific User Committee
- ▶ EMS Publishing House
- ▶ Digital Mathematics Libraries

Membership

- ▶ Thierry Bouche (chair)
- ▶ Olaf Teschke (vice chair)
- ▶ Vicente Muñoz (EC liaison)
- ▶ Fatiha Alabau-Boussouira
- ▶ Horia Cornean
- ▶ Vittorio Coti Zelati
- ▶ Pierangelo Marcati
- ▶ János Pintz
- ▶ Tomaž Pisanski
- ▶ Colva Roney-Dougal
- ▶ Günter M. Ziegler (now retiring)

We had our first face-to-face meeting in Prague yesterday.

Open access

The committee has an overall favorable attitude towards open access, but not at any cost.

- ▶ An obvious cost: APC

But also:

- ▶ Putting society's publications at risk
- ▶ Research integrity might be endangered by open access mandates, citation advantage
- ▶ etc.

A concern

- ▶ Editorial misconduct (from authors, but also editors, referees, publishers. . .) has recently blown up.
- ▶ This is typically in the scope of the Ethics committee, but we will investigate whether some publishing models make it easier to cheat, and what action can be engaged.
- ▶ Some pedagogy and maybe some strong statements might be useful.

As a first action, we would like to increase the information-levels of those engaging the debate over the publishing system, by fostering papers for the EMS Newsletter (this is a complex area where a lot of simple-minded ideas are quite successful, unfortunately).

zbMath evaluation

We try to evaluate zbMath from a standard user perspective. This is handled by a subgroup.

The overall impression is that it has improved, but some frustration still exists in some areas. This will be pursued in order to get usable feedback to zbMath to help prioritize the needed improvements.