Message from the Editors

With the appearance of this issue, we are pleased to announce a change in the publishing arrangements for *Experimental Mathematics*.

The idea for this journal was conceived by Klaus and Alice Peters, over a lunch with David Mumford, who immediately embraced it and lent it enthusiastic support. Alice and Klaus, who have been publishers of math and computer science for over thirty years, continued to spread their optimism and vision for the new journal within the mathematical community, and soon a number of us had agreed to work as editors. The first meeting of the Editorial Board took place at the San Francisco AMS meeting, in January 1991. Thus was born *Experimental Mathematics*.

Like most innovative ventures, this one involved many unknowns: How would the journal be received? How broad should its scope be? What standards should we follow? In the end we adopted a catholic approach in terms of scope, but an eclectic one in terms of standards, trying to combine the best features of traditional mathematical journals with those of journals in the experimental sciences. Our primary goals were quality and likely interest to the mathematical community. This meant that the first issue only came out eighteen months after our initial meeting; but the result, to judge from the overwhelmingly positive reactions from our readers, has been highly worthwhile, and long overdue.

Now Alice and Klaus have started their own publishing company, AK Peters, Ltd., and acquired the rights to *Experimental Mathematics* from the former publishers, Jones and Bartlett. We are grateful to Jones and Bartlett for their unstinting support of the journal in its startup phase. The change in publishers will not affect our quarterly schedule: the final issue of Volume 1 is slated for the early spring, and we hope to have all of Volume 2 out before the end of 1993. Of course, for this to be possible, we must count on your continued support as contributors and subscribers.

We conclude with a plug for Klaus and Alice, whom we consider to be among the very best people in the math and computer science publishing world. Not only do they deal with authors in a highly professional, frank and friendly way, but they also know much more about their fields than typical science publishers. (Check the back pages of this issue for a selection of titles available from AK Peters, and keep them in mind as a possible publisher for your new book.) We wish the Peters the best of luck in their new enterprise.

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