

# Twenty-five years of Acta UMB Math

## Editorial

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Our journal Acta Universitatis Matthiae Belii, series Mathematics (shortly, Acta UMB Math), was founded in 1993 by Alfonz Haviar, a father of the author of this editorial (for an editorial dedicated to the seventies of the founder see [1]). The journal publishes original research articles and survey papers in selected areas of mathematics and theoretical computer science which are, said in a pragmatic way, defined as the union of the areas of interest of the members of its Editorial Board. The printed edition of Acta UMB Math has from its beginning been covered by the world renowned reviewing mathematical journals Zentralblatt MATH of European Mathematical Society, founded in 1931, and Mathematical Reviews, founded in 1940, of American Mathematical Society with its famous mathematical electronic database MathSciNet since 1996.

During the twenty-five years of its existence the journal has been led by three editors-in-chief: Alfonz Haviar for the first eight volumes in 1993–2000, Roman Nedela for the next seven volumes in 2001–2009 (no volumes appeared in the years 2002 and 2008) and Miroslav Haviar for the subsequent ten volumes in 2010–2017 (two volumes appeared in the years 2010 and 2011). As the managing editors of the journal served Gabriela Monoszová in 1993–2000, Vladimír Janiš in 1994, Dana Smutná in 2001, Petr Hliněný in 2002–2011 excepting 2009 and Volume 19, Marián Grendár in 2005–2010 excepting 2009, Miroslav Haviar in 2009 and Ján Karabáš since Volume 19 in 2011 (however, Ján Karabáš has served the journal as its technical editor already since 2004).

Online edition of Acta UMB Math was founded in 2013 to make the publication process more flexible and to shorten it: every article accepted for publication into Acta



*Alfonz Haviar, the founder of Acta UMB Math.*

UMB Math almost immediately appears in the online edition. So far all articles from the online version have been selected for publishing in the printed edition. However, the idea since the birth of the online version has been that in case of possibly many articles in the online edition only some would be selected for the printed edition which always appears towards the end of the calendar year.

The journal started with publishing papers of members of Banská Bystrica mathematical community (the first contributors from outside the city were Pavol Híc from Trnava and Judita Lihová from Košice in Volume 3 and the first contributor from abroad was Andrew Bucki from Oklahoma City, USA, in Volume 4). Until Volume 14 in 2007, roughly half of the contributors were from Banská Bystrica mathematical community. We would still be very pleased with having members of Banská Bystrica mathematical community and more generally, of Slovak mathematical community, as prevailing contributors for *Acta UMB Math*. The “publishing culture” in Slovakia that has so dramatically changed over the last decade has unfortunately led to less and less Slovak authors appearing in the journal. The journal has also been recently offered an Open Access platform within one of the global scientific publishing houses De Gruyter (headquartered in Berlin, with offices in Basel, Beijing, Boston and Munich), but for various reasons the move to De Gruyter Open has not yet happened.

The journal would welcome high quality long papers in the spirit of *Transactions of American Mathematical Society* – the journal was privileged to publish two such papers by Brian A. Davey (Melbourne) as well as by Yan-Quan Feng (Beijing) with Roman Nedela (Banská Bystrica) in Volume 13 in 2006. Recent invitations to renowned authors with connections to Banská Bystrica to publish high quality survey papers in *Acta UMB Math* have led to two such great contributions: by Alex Rosa from Canada in Volume 23 (2015) and by Mikhail H. Klin from Israel and Andrew J. Woldar from the USA in the present Volume 25. We believe that not only the 25th anniversary, but mainly the wonderful 58 pp. survey article by Misha and Andy, with 229 references, make the present volume so special.

On behalf of the present Editorial Board of *Acta UMB Math* I wish to thank all contributors of the present jubilee issue, in particular Misha and Andy. Let me also thank all people who over the past 25 years contributed by their articles or by their work (editorial, reviewing, managerial or technical) to the journal. I wish the journal to celebrate its other jubilees in good shape and with having its name being wider recognized on the Slovak and worldwide publishing scenes.

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