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EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this first Galway issue of the Bulletin. Our first task must be to thank Donal Hurley, Pat Fitzpatrick and Martin Stynes for the magnificent work they have done during the years the Bulletin has been produced in Cork. We hope that the high standards set by them will be maintained by us. Some continuity will be ensured by the fact that Phil Rippon has agreed to continue with his editorship of the excellent Problem Page.

As the reader will no doubt already have noticed, we have taken the opportunity of the change to adopt TeX as the typesetter for the Bulletin. Apart from the ease which which it can handle almost any conceivable mathematical text, and the pleasing appearance of the pages, we foresee a situation in which a substantial proportion of the articles in the Bulletin will have been typeset in TeX by the authors, and the resulting document sent to Galway in the form of a TeX input file, either through HEANET or on a disk. Indeed, two of the articles in this issue have been transmitted to us in this way. Apart from the fact that this greatly expedites the production process, the author enjoys far greater control over the final appearance of his or her work. However, we wish to give an assurance that any articles submitted in the traditional typed form will be given exactly the same consideration as those in TeX.

We wish to thank the members of the Mathematics department of UCG, who have helped in many ways. A particular word of gratitude is due to the departmental secretary, Carol Conroy, who took on so successfully the rather daunting task of learning LaTeX. Thanks are also due to Richard Timoney for making his expertise in TeX available to us whenever we required it. All of the faults, however, are entirely the work of the Editor and Associate Editor.