EDITORIAL

This "Winter" issue appears just after the Equinox, when, as the song says, all the fields are fresh and green. The delay is regretted, but not the rising sap. One may hope that the longer days and pleasant weather will stimulate more members to complete the articles they have been planning and drafting for the Bulletin. As usual, we welcome:

- informative surveys of active research areas, written for the general mathematically-literate reader,
- biographical and historical articles related to Irish mathematics, including obituaries and interviews with senior figures.
- informative and factual articles, and letters with views, about important developments and events in Irish mathematics,
- short research articles
- classroom notes
- thesis summaries or abstracts from Irish schools and departments in the mathematical areas, and
- book reviews.

A new Bulletin LaTeXpackage may be downloaded from the Bulletin webpage. This should facilitate authors (and ease the labour of producing the Bulletin). The `bimsart` class is based on amsart. The main modification is the addition of a 14pt option. We needed this because the printers wanted to take an A4 pdf original and reduce it to A5. The `bims` style formats the print area appropriately, and imposes a uniform layout. I appreciate that the result is far from perfect, and feedback is welcome.

The Winter number includes the usual reports and thesis summaries. I am aware of numbers of theses that have not been submitted, and ask supervisors and senior staff around the country to remind students to send in their abstract as soon as the thesis has been successfully defended. There is a template on the webpage.

There have been some enhancements to the electronic version. Hypertext links within papers and across the internet are now live. With this in mind, it would seem useful to put a page in the Bulletin giving Irish links relevant to prospective mathematics research students. Ideally, each University and Institute involved in research

should have at least one point of contact on the page, preferably a contact who is a mathematician, as opposed to some official in the central administration. I invite those responsible for postgraduate research student recruitment to send me a short text including a url. For instance, something like:

NUIM: \url{http://www.maths.nuim.ie/pghowtoapply}

  or:

QUB: \url{http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/Funded_PG_2012.html}

These will appear as:

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with live links (— so please test the links).

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