

## EDITORIAL

Due to circumstances beyond our control the long-standing arrangement for the printing of the Bulletin came to an end this year, and as a result the printed edition of Bulletin 80 did not appear until June. We apologise for the delay, and the consequent delay in publishing this Bulletin 81. In an attempting to make a virtue of necessity, we made a few design changes, and these appear to have been well-received by the membership.

We put the current IMS logo on the front cover, but retained Janine Mathieu's original logo on the inside title page.

As an incidental side-effect of the printing arrangements, individual copies Bulletin 80 may be purchased online at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) for €15 plus postage. Search the Lulu site for *Irish Mathematical Society Bulletin*.

At the time of writing, it is not decided how the paper edition of this issue will be printed. If we use commercial printers again, the cost may be mitigated somewhat by revenue from an advertisement. (It has long been policy that suitable advertisements may appear in the Bulletin.)

Members may wish to take note of the revised online format of the *Basic Library List* of the MAA, which may be seen at: [maa.org/b11](http://maa.org/b11). There is an account by Darren Glass in the February-March 2018 issue of MAA Focus (page 6).

This issue includes the concluding part of the survey on curvature and topology by Mark Walsh. Part I appeared in Bulletin 80.

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## Links for Postgraduate Study

The following are the links provided by Irish Schools for prospective research students in Mathematics:

DCU: <mailto://maths@dcu.ie>

DIT: <mailto://chris.hills@dit.ie>

NUIG: <mailto://james.cruickshank@nuigalway.ie>

MU: <mailto://mathsstatspg@mu.ie>

QUB: [http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/Funded\\_PG\\_2016.html](http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/Funded_PG_2016.html)

TCD: <http://www.maths.tcd.ie/postgraduate/>

UCC: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/matsci/postgraduate/>

UCD: <mailto://nuria.garcia@ucd.ie>

UL: <mailto://sarah.mitchell@ul.ie>

UU: <http://www.compeng.ulster.ac.uk/rgs/>

The remaining schools with Ph.D. programmes in Mathematics are invited to send their preferred link to the editor, a url that works. All links are live, and hence may be accessed by a click, in the electronic edition of this Bulletin<sup>1</sup>.

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