

Editorial

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The JOURNAL OF GEOMETRY AND PHYSICS (JGP) started publication in 1984 with the aim of stimulating interaction between geometry and physics by communicating results, ideas and problems between these two areas. We undertake to cover the many trends and schools in an unbiased way as we are convinced that geometry, regarded as the mathematical language of invariants, is suitable to capture the fundamental laws of physics. We want the Journal to play an important role in the communication of this fundamental idea.

In the first 8 years of its existence, JGP has published approximately 200 research, feature and review articles, which have been warmly welcomed by practitioners in both fields. To date, geometrically oriented papers in the field of mathematical physics have constituted the core of our Journal.

Recently, Elsevier Science Publishers accepted our invitation to publish JGP under the NORTH-HOLLAND imprint, from Volume 8 onwards. Because of NORTH-HOLLAND's renowned and eminent position in many fields of physics, we will now initiate the publication of more papers on current problems in physics which bear a fundamental relation to geometry. In the treatment of these topics, we wish to maintain mathematical rigour although a strict formal presentation will in general not be required. Our broadened aims and scope is printed on page 2 of each issue, for your reference. In order to help implement this new policy, I am pleased to report that three outstanding scientists have agreed to join our Editorial Board. I wholeheartedly wish to welcome *S.A. Deser* (Brandeis), *L. Faddeev* (St. Petersburg) and *A. Polyakov* (Princeton).

Certainly, the new publisher will ensure a really international distribution of JGP as well as regular publication times. Therefore, we expect a major improvement in the visibility of the articles which are published in our Journal.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,
Marco Modugno, Executive Editor