

Preface

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It gives me great pleasure to dedicate this special issue of the Journal of Statistical Physics, Random Matrices, to Leonid Pastur on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. Leonid has been and continues to be a leader in many areas of mathematical physics especially those related to random systems. His seminal paper (with Goldsheid and Molchanov) on localization in one-dimensional systems moved this field into the provenance of rigorous results in statistical mechanics.

I am personally greatly indebted to Leonid for guidance in our collaborative work as well as many enlightening discussions about science and other matters. I am sure that this is also the case with many others. Let me therefore wish him, on behalf of all of us who have benefited directly from him as well as from the whole mathematical physics and statistical mechanics community, many fruitful, healthy years of continuing productivity.

With affection and admiration,
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