

Beste Jan Karel,

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Life has been good for me during your 'reign' at CWI and I certainly can attribute it to you. It was you who appointed me a CWI fellow. It provided me with new, luxurious, opportunities to pursue my research interests at CWI.

On a couple of occasions we have had discussions in which our views diverged, sometimes even strongly. But it was always within the bounds of a correct exchange of opinions. I have always been impressed that you kept the tone of these discussions correct and gave me ample time to express my views. In fact, I have never felt after these discussions that our personal relations have been affected in any way.

I am most grateful for your continuous and unfailing support for introducing (algorithmic) game theory in CWI. You have been extremely helpful and positive in this matter. It provided me and other researchers with a motivation to continue this line of research, and helped us to create at CWI a group focusing on this subject.

As an aside I should add that your support for two other new research directions at CWI, cryptography and computational biology, led to new exciting developments at CWI that are very inspiring and that made CWI an even more attractive and excellent institute to work at.

I hope you will use the last year of your CWI employment in the way which suits you best.

Best regards and many thanks for your help and support,

Krzysztof