EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of a new scientific journal in the field of theoretical computer science and related mathematical subjects, the

Journal of Automata, Languages and Combinatorics.

However, this journal has to be also considered as a continuation of the *Journal of Information Processing and Cybernetics* (formerly *Elektronische Informationsverarbeitung und Kybernetik* abbreviated EIK) which was published since 1964 by the Akademie-Verlag Berlin. One of the reasons for ceasing of publication — besides the fact that computer science is not the main interest of the publishing house — was that the title did not reflect the contents of the journal in the last years. By a careful analysis of the papers published since 1990 we chose the new title according to the main subjects of the papers. Moreover, there is no special journal for these classical parts of theoretical computer science. Obviously, there also are some small changes in the scope of the journal and the Advisory Board is altered partially; for details we refer to the last pages of this number.

By this history, the first numbers of the *Journal of Automata, Languages and Combinatorics* contain some papers submitted to preceding journal where the authors agreed with publication in the new journal.

The journal publishes

- issues with original scientific papers,
- issues with selected complete papers of conferences,
- issues devoted to special subjects.

The editors are grateful to the Otto-von-Guericke University of Magdeburg for publishing this journal.

We hope that the new journal will be as successful as its predecessor.

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