

A brief report on activities of the Electronic Publishing Committee

Since the meeting held on 14th September 2013 in Prague the members of the EPC communicated electronically. The next meeting has been scheduled for 3rd June 2014 in Warsaw in connection with the first General Assembly of the EuDML Initiative (see below).

EuDML Initiative

Following the successful project of the European Digital Mathematics Library (EuDML, <http://eudml.org>) an effort has been made to establish an international association called EuDML Initiative to ensure sustainability and further development of the EuDML. In February, after a rather long discussion, the Statutes has been finalized and signed by 12 partners from 8 countries including the EMS. The first meeting of the General Assembly of the association has been organized for 2nd June 2014 in Warsaw to establish the governing bodies and set up an action plan for the next period. The outcomes of the meeting will be reported on the EMS Council Meeting in San Sebastian.

Planning a Global Library of the Mathematical Sciences

The Committee on Planning a Global Library of the Mathematical Sciences established in frames of a project approved by the Governing Board of the National Research Council and supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation produced an extensive and inspiring report “Developing a 21st Century Global Library for Mathematics Research” (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=18619). Jim Pitman participated in writing the report. The EPC has launched a discussion on the many interesting thoughts about the future landscape of the envisioned Global Library of the Mathematical Sciences.

This topic will be subject of the panel “World Digital Mathematics Library” in the ICM in Seoul (<http://www.icm2014.org/en/program/scientific/panels>). Wolfram Research invited the EPC to participate in the construction of the WDML and suggested to meet in Seoul. Olaf Teschke will probably participate in both the panel and this meeting.

Relations to other committees

Possible overlap in areas of interest, namely in the context of Open Access, has been identified among the EPC, the newly established Publication Committee (PC) and the Ethics Committee (EC). It was decided to contact the PC and indicate the will to cooperate and clear division of tasks between both committees. Unfortunately, the planned personal participation of an EPC member in the PC meeting had to be cancelled for unforeseen reasons and we tried to continue in electronic communication with the PC chair Bernard Teissier. There has been yet unfinished discussion on a draft position document concerning Open Access written by Bernard.

The overlap between the EPC and the EC currently seems very small and thus discussions between both committees would currently be too premature.

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The situation in the EoM (<http://www.encyclopediaofmath.org>) has been followed by Thomas Unger who is member of the Editorial Board.

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