

## Dear colleagues!

The second issue of our journal is published. Since the first issue appeared it has become clear that this journal without question has good reasons to exist, and that the idea to organize it arose at the right time.

Great interest has been shown in the whole world. The initial printing of 300 copies is practically out of print. To satisfy all demands (existing or expected), we intend to undertake an additional printing of the first issue. The second issue has been published with many more copies.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I must apologize to our subscribers for the delay in printing the second issue, in relation to the announced date. There were some organizational reasons independent of our will, and we have also underestimated the time necessary to treat authors' manuscripts.

With a high degree of certainty, we can promise that subsequent issues will appear more regularly. In any case, the third issue is, at this time, practically ready.

As in the first issue, I cannot but express our deep appreciation to Dr. A.L. Semenov, General Director of the Institute for New Technologies, and Dr. V.A. Noskin, Director of the St.-Petersburg Branch of this institute. Without the financial support of this institute, publishing of our journal would be impossible.

I would also like to note the activity of Dr. R.B. Kearfott, the member of the Editorial Board, in advertising and distributing this journal. Due to his efforts, many interested people learned about the existence of the journal.

I would particularly like to mention that many specialists known worldwide in the area of interval computations have joined our Editorial Board. I have no doubts that their participation in forming subsequent issues, on the one hand, would contribute to enhancing the scientific level of papers, and on the other hand, would enlarge the circle of authors and readers.

As we promised, our polygraphy has improved. All materials are typed and printed with the help of a computer publishing system. And though the time required for editing has slightly increased, the quality of the printed materials has improved. There is now also the possibility to send

proofs to authors for proofreading.

Another innovation is related to classification according to subject headings. We aim to create following headings: "Mathematical researches", "Computer implementations", "Computer means", "Application and study of related disciplines", "Learning", "Reviews and abstracts", "Meetings", "Bibliography", "Letters to Editor". Of course, not all these headings will be present in each issue, but we hope that none of them will disappear for a long time.

Starting with this issue we intend to keep the proportion in English at the 60–70% level. To do this, we undertook English translation of Russian papers. This enables us to increase world-wide interest in our journal and to make Soviet specialists' progress available to foreign colleagues.

In this issue we start publishing bibliography of Soviet authors works translated into English. We also plan to provide services in distributing Russian papers translations mentioned in the bibliography among interested specialists.

I would like to remind the authors that, aside from original papers on interval mathematics, we accept for publishing reviews of progress in some branches, information about scientific events past or future, educational texts, materials on application of interval methods to different areas. We are also ready to publish various materials on implementations of interval algorithms on the computer, and also any information, including advertising, on hardware and software in the area of interval computations.

Papers to be submitted for publication should be sent to the Editor or any member of the Editorial Board. Due to technical reasons, authors should pay attention to the changes in the instructions of preparation of manuscripts. The new instructions are published at the end of this issue. For all subscription and distribution questions please write: for the reader from former USSR – to the Editor, for the readers from Europe – to D.V.Shiryaev, for the readers from another countries – to R.B.Kearfott. The addresses for correspondence are at the end of the issue.

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