

Dear Colleagues:

The present issue is the last one published in Russia. Starting with the first issue of 1997, our journal will be published under the auspices of the Kluwer Academic Publishers, a Dutch scientific publishing house. Format and design of the journal will be changed, and all materials will be published only in English.

As for the scientific content of the journal, it is not planned to be changed significantly. As before, on our pages you will find original papers, surveys, reviews, announcements of scientific events, and other materials pertaining to reliable mathematical computations. According to the tradition, a special attention will be paid to the interval approach as one of the key methods of attaining reliability.

To further develop our links to adjacent branches of mathematics and to application fields, as well as to improve the geographic representation, the Editorial Board will be expanded by inviting several new members. Starting in 1997, the following scientists have agreed to join the Editorial Board of our journal:

A. Cuyt, Belgium;	J. Garloff, Germany;	G. Mayer, Germany;
J. Rokne, Canada;	G. W. Walster, USA;	E. Walter, France.

The periodicity and size of the journal will not change in 1997. The first and second issues of the year will contain current publications. The third issue will probably present the proceedings of the Interval'96 conference, information on which can be found in the present issue. The special issue with the Proceedings is likely to be larger than usual. An Editorial Board member, Prof. J. Wolff von Gudenberg, chair of the conference, agreed to be the invited editor of the issue. The fourth issue in 1997 is planned to be the next student special issue edited by Prof. G. Mayer (Rostock University, Germany) and Prof. V. Kreinovich (University of Texas at El Paso, USA).

We would like to inform our readers that, starting in 1997, the Editorial Board will no longer be engaged in distribution of current issues in countries other than the ex-USSR. All applications concerning subscriptions should be directed to Kluwer Academic Publishers (for details, see the leaflet at the end of the present issue). As for *past* issues of the journal published in 1991 to 1996, they are still available for purchase from the Editor-in-Chief of the journal and from the Official Representatives Prof. R. B. Kearfott and Prof. J. Wolff von Gudenberg.

We would also like our authors to take notice of the new Information for Authors printed in the present issue. However, any papers that have been submitted before the publication of the present issue and are made according to the former rules, need not be resubmitted.

Let me express my hope that the current changes in the journal's status will improve its prestige and make it more interesting and useful to our readers, and that the new distribution facilities will significantly expand our readership.

V. Nesterov,
Editor-in-Chief