Welcome!

This is the first edition of our Newsletter, which aims at providing some general information about activities of the APMP.

The idea to start such a newsletter was raised at the meeting of the Directive Committee on January 18, 2020. The general motivation is to better communicate activities of the APMP to all members, to inform about upcoming events related to the philosophy of mathematical practice, and to foster and support our community.

As the editors of this newsletter, we hope that everybody is doing well during these difficult times of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and we wish all a healthy year!

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New Directive and Steering Committees

As you might know, the organizational structure of the APMP consists of a Directive Committee of 12 people that are elected by the members. Within this group, the Steering Committee is elected, which is responsible for the day-to-day running of the association and which includes the President and Secretary. (The Charter can be downloaded from the APMP website.)

As a result of our biennial elections, held in March-April, for the renewal of the Directive Committee, its current members are: Bart Van Kerkhove (Belgium), Brendan Larvor (UK), Carmen Martínez Adame (Mexico), Dirk Schlimm (Canada), Gisèle Secco (Brazil), Jemma Lorenat (USA), Jessica Carter (Denmark), José Ferreirós (Spain), Marco Panza (USA/France), Paolo Mancosu (USA), Silvia De Toffoli (USA), and Valeria Giardino (France).

Since the 4-year terms for Secretary and President were over, these positions had also to be filled. On May 22, the Directive Committee met remotely via Zoom and elected Jessica Carter, Valeria Giardino, Silvia De Toffoli, José Ferreirós, and Paolo Mancosu to the new Steering Committee, with Valeria Giardino as the new Secretary and Jessica Carter as the new President.

APMP Meeting report

Our 5th international meeting was held 18–21 January 2020 at the ETH Zürich, Switzerland and was attended by 112 registered participants. We thank Roy Wagner, as the local organizer, and José Ferreirós, as the chair of the scientific committee, as well as the many participants for making the meeting a great success!

We are happy that many young scholars chose to attend the meeting and were impressed with the high quality of the contributed papers. In addition, we note the
large diversity of topics presented in the sections and by the invited speakers. This underscores our aim of being open to the philosophy of mathematics broadly conceived.

**Upcoming conferences**

Here are some of the APMP-related activities that were planned for 2020, some of which have been postponed because of the pandemic. If the new dates are already known, they are listed.

- The conference *The ’End’ of Philosophy of Mathematics?*, originally scheduled for April 3–5, 2020 at Princeton University has been postponed. [https://princetonphilmath.wordpress.com](https://princetonphilmath.wordpress.com)

- The workshop on *Understanding Mathematical Explanation: Uniting philosophical and educational perspectives*, scheduled April 6–7, 2020 at Rutgers University has also been postponed. [https://sites.google.com/view/pcrg/events/mathexpl](https://sites.google.com/view/pcrg/events/mathexpl)

- The joint conference of the *British Society for the History of Mathematics* and the *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics (BSHM-CSHPM)* on *People, Places, Practices* that was planned for July 2020 in St Andrews is postponed to next summer: 12–14 July 2021. [http://www.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/bshm-cshpm](http://www.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/bshm-cshpm)

- The satellite conference on *Mathematical Cultures & Practices XI* has also been postponed accordingly: [https://www.math.uni-hamburg.de/spag/ml/MathCultPracXI](https://www.math.uni-hamburg.de/spag/ml/MathCultPracXI)

- The 9th ESHS Conference Visual, Material and Sensory Cultures of Science Bologna (Italy), 31 August – 3 September 2020, will be held in an online format: [https://sites.google.com/view/eshsbologna2020/home](https://sites.google.com/view/eshsbologna2020/home)

• **31st Novembertagung on the History and Philosophy of Mathematics on Axiomatization: Ancient and contemporary perspectives**, 26–28 November 2020 Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany. [https://novembertagung.wordpress.com](https://novembertagung.wordpress.com)

In addition, there is also:

• **University of Copenhagen summer school on Topics in Philosophy of Mathematical Practice**, on 13 July – 7 August 2020: [https://kurser.ku.dk/course/nndk19000u/2019-2020](https://kurser.ku.dk/course/nndk19000u/2019-2020)

### Preprint Archive

An underused resource is the *PhilMath Archive*, which is an electronic archive tailored to and run by philosophers of mathematics, sponsored by the APMP as well as the International Association for the Philosophy of Mathematics (PMA), the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics (CSHPM), The British Society for the History of Mathematics (BSHM), the Philosophy of Mathematics Special Interest Group Mathematical Association of America (POMSigma).

We encourage our members to post preprint versions of their papers at: [http://philsci-archive.pitt.edu/philmath.html](http://philsci-archive.pitt.edu/philmath.html)

In addition, we also encourage to use the category “Mathematical Practice” when tagging your papers in the *PhilPapers* archive at [https://philpapers.org](https://philpapers.org)

### About the APMP

Founded in 2009, the Association for the Philosophy of Mathematical practice aims to support research in philosophy of mathematics related to mathematical activity, past and present.

For more information: [http://www.philmathpractice.org](http://www.philmathpractice.org)

Now, also on twitter: [https://twitter.com/philmathpractice](https://twitter.com/philmathpractice)

and facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/philmathpractice](https://www.facebook.com/philmathpractice)

The APMP facebook page has recently been updated with pictures from our meetings in Paris (2015), Salvador de Bahia (2017), and Zurich (2020).

• **Call for newsletter contributions**

If you would like to contribute to the APMP Newsletter with announcements, short reports, or other contributions, please contact Jessica Carter: at [jessica@imada.sdu.dk](mailto:jessica@imada.sdu.dk)