

EDITORIAL

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Since 1996 the *Journal of Automata, Languages, and Combinatorics* is published by the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg. However, in the last years, the situation at the university of Magdeburg has essentially changed. On the one hand, since my retirement there is nobody in the Faculty of Computer Science of the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, who works in one of the fields mentioned in the title of the journal. On the other hand, the printing facilities got fundamentally worse since the printers of the university were sifted out. Thus we finish the edition and publishing of the *Journal of Automata, Languages, and Combinatorics* by the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg under my direction with this volume/issue in 2015.

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By their reviews, edition of papers, etc., the members of the Advisory Board ensured in decisive manner that the *Journal of Automata, Languages, and Combinatorics* was an important journal of high standard in the fields of Theoretical Computer Science mentioned in the title during the last 20 years.

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Within the Working Group *Automata and Formal Languages* of the German Society of Computer Science it was discussed to ensure that the *Journal of Automata, Languages, and Combinatorics* will also appear in the following yours. It is planned that the journal will be published by the Justus Liebig University in Gießen.

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