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EDITORIAL

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This is the first issue of our new journal, *Combinatorial Theory*. It is owned by mathematicians, dedicated to Diamond Open Access publishing with no fees for authors or readers, and committed to an inclusive view of the vibrant worldwide community in Combinatorics.

The journal shares a similar scope with the long-running *Journal of Combinatorial Theory Ser. A* (JCT A), owned by Elsevier. In 2020, almost all of the editors of JCT A resigned, deciding that it was the time to found a premier Combinatorics journal owned by mathematicians, not by a commercial publisher. Thus was born *Combinatorial Theory*.

That birth has allowed us to rethink how and what we publish. We are proud to have assembled a broad and diverse team of editors. We are also pleased with two new features in our editorial process: *doubly-anonymous refereeing* to mitigate implicit biases during peer review, and the inauguration of *Expository Article* submissions to encourage inclusion of valuable well-written expositions.

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