



## Indecent Proposals

We have been running this journal for 10 years now. We try to keep its quality as high as possible, publishing papers connected with at least two mathematical disciplines, one of which is rooted in discrete mathematics. We are still receiving too many papers that barely fit the scope of the journal, however, and we will address this in the near future.

But there is another matter that we would like to share with you today. Every so often we receive requests to do something that is not usual in our culture. We call these *indecent proposals*. Below we quote some of the most unusual of them, received from individuals we have never heard of before:

- “Dear Editor, I would like to become a member of the editorial board. Please find my CV enclosed.”
- “Dear Editor, I do not understand why my paper has been rejected. Please consider the fact that I am willing to pay article processing charges if you reverse your ruling. You do not have to print the paper. It is sufficient that you put it on-line.”
- “Dear Editor, We are looking for cooperation. We will secure 20 to 30 peer-reviewed papers that we would like to publish in your journal. We will pay 200 USD per paper.”
- “Dear Editor, we are organising a conference on a charming little island. We would like to publish the proceedings as a special issue of your journal that we want to guest edit.”

We consider any such unsolicited letters as *faux pas* and ignore them.

On the other hand, we would like to point out an important strategy we follow in our journal that might differ from the strategies of some other journals. We encourage authors to list in their cover letter some renowned mathematicians who are specialists in the field of their paper and could be regarded as objective referees. This is even more important if the topic of the submitted paper is not one with which our editors are familiar.

Of course, this might be considered an “indecent proposal” by some other journals! In practice it does not mean that we will choose referees from the list provided by the author. But such a list can be of considerable help to us in when we are seeking the right people to referee a paper, consistent with our stated aim of maintaining a high quality journal.

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