

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Dear readers,

The ICCM notices serves as our window to the world, exhibiting important activities and showcase mathematical progress made here on our side of the world.

December is a month to reflect the year that lies behind us, and 2023 is and was a year of optimism, the pandemic fades in our memories, and the restart of international travel, though slower and more reluctant than expected, brings the world again closer to each other.

In Beijing we pulled-off the first International Congress of Basic Sciences, an annual event that is aimed to gather luminaries in mathematics, theoretical physics and computer science to popularize basic science and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. Moreover, the first Basic Science Lifetime Awards was given to David B. Mumford and Adir Shamir celebrating their ever-lasting impact on

the community. An overview of the event and interviews with some of the visitors and prize winners can be found in this issue.

But this year, we also lost some the best, some of them good friends of mine for decades. With this issue we want to commemorate their life, work, and legacy.

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