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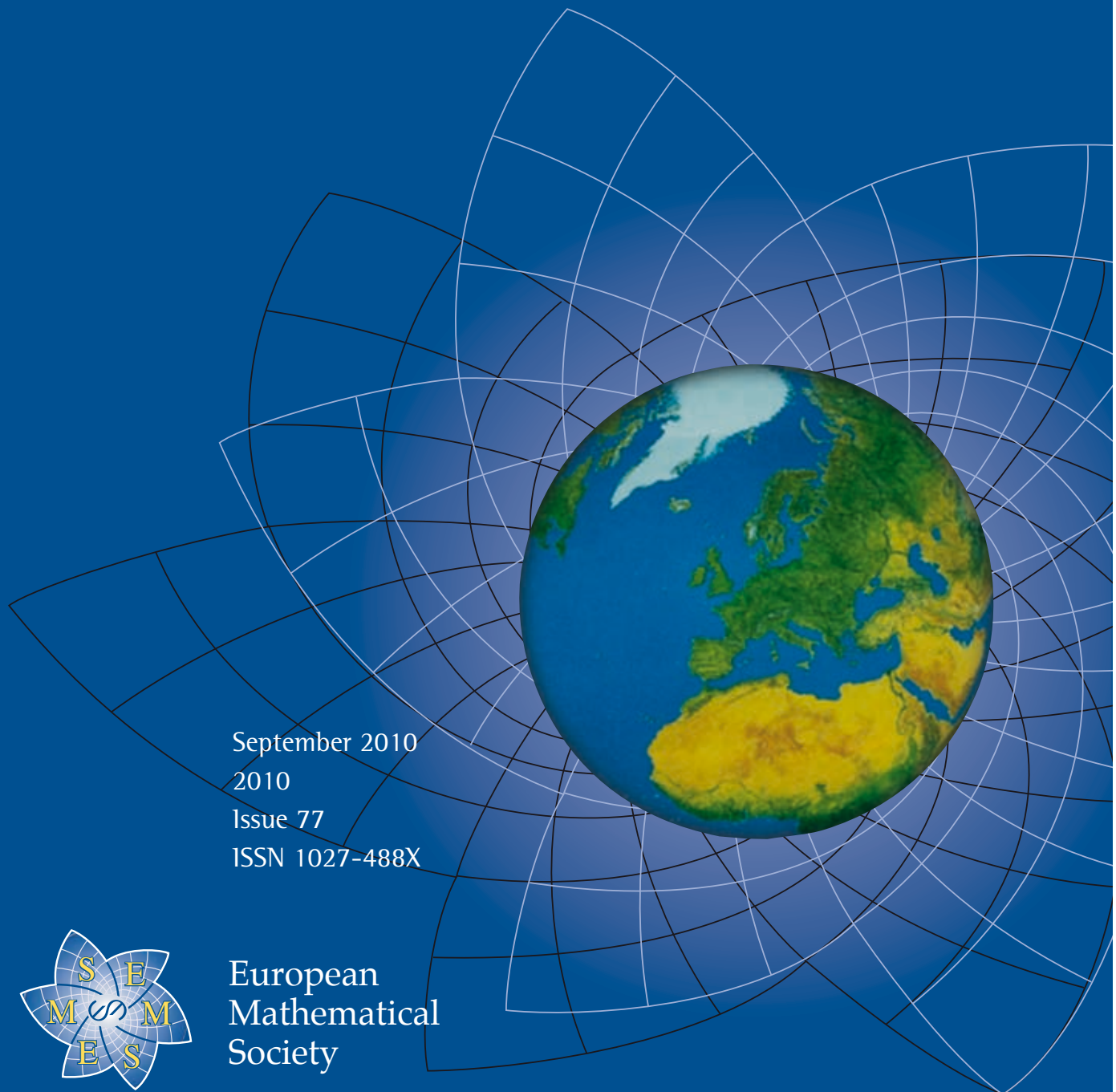
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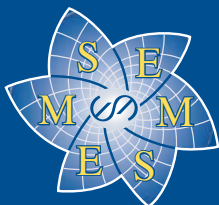


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The Centenary of the Romanian Mathematical Society

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On 17 April 2010, the centenary of the society “Gazeta Matematică” – one of the forerunners of the *Societatea de Științe Matematice din România* (Romanian Mathematical Society, RMS) – has been celebrated as the centennial of the RMS itself (the other forerunner, the society “Friends of Mathematical Sciences” was founded earlier in 1894). In conjunction with this event, an EMS meeting of the presidents of mathematical societies in Europe has been scheduled (see the article *Report on an EMS cancelled meeting or The effect of the volcanic ash cloud on mathematics* published in this issue of the Newsletter).

The ceremony was organised at the Romanian Academy Aula and was attended by several important Romanian mathematicians, representatives and members of the regional branches of the RMS, the Presidents of the Romanian Physical Society and the Romanian Chemistry Society and 20 representatives of the mathematical societies in Europe, who succeeded in landing in Bucharest for the EMS meeting of presidents despite the volcanic ash cloud.

The first part of the ceremony was devoted to a brief presentation of the most important moments in the history of the RMS and also for accepting the acknowledgements from other societies, while the second part was allocated to the awarding of centennial medals and diplomas to several mathematicians who essentially contributed to the organisational activity of the RMS or the development of mathematical research and mathematical education in Romania in the past decades.

Considering the two articles on the old and middle history of the RMS that have been published in the EMS Newsletter (see [2], [4]), we shall give here a brief account on the current activity of the RMS.

Goals of the society and membership

The main current goal of the RMS is to help maintain a high level of mathematics education and mathematical research in Romania to continue the good work done over the 20th century. The RMS is a non-profit organisation created under Romanian law in 1910 and re-established, after the breakdown of communist rule, in 1990. It consists of individual members only. Over its 100 years of existence the RMS has grown up to a society with more than 5000 members, university professors, teachers, other professionals from research institutes and companies, PhD students, etc., all linked by their interest in mathematics and/or mathematics education.

Structure and activities of the society

The Council of the RMS, which consists of 91 members, is elected every four years during the General Assem-

bly and establishes the general policy of the society. It meets every year, usually in December, and also elects the members of the Executive Committee (President, Prime Vice-president, two Vice-presidents, General Secretary, Secretary and nine Ordinary Members), to which the activity of the society between the council meetings is entrusted. The current President of the RMS is Professor Radu Gologan from “Politehnica” University of Bucharest and the Mathematics Institute of the Romanian Academy. The RMS is also organised on a territorial basis, its units being the local and regional branches (Filiale) of the RMS (there are 54 branches).

Meetings, publications and other activities

The RMS organises an annual National Olympiad (in collaboration with the Ministry of Education; the 61st edition took place in 2010), the RMS Annual Conference, the Summer Contest “Gazeta Matematica” for the best problem solvers and the summer school for teachers of mathematics, as well as other meetings, workshops and conferences.

The following three journals are published by the RMS: 1) *Bulletin Mathématique de la Société des Sciences Mathématiques de Roumanie*, which is a quarterly research journal (4 issues a year). It was founded in 1896 and the current volume is **53** (or **101** – old series) in 2010; 2) *Gazeta Matematica, seria B*, which is a monthly journal (12 issues/volume) devoted to elementary mathematics (primary, secondary and high school students and teachers). It was founded in 1895 and has been published continuously in this format. The current volume is 115 (2010); 3) *Gazeta Matematica, seria A*, which is a quarterly journal (4 issues/volume) devoted to teachers of mathematics. The current volume is 107 (or **28** – new series) in 2010.

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