

*Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics* flips to Fair Open Access (\*).



**UPDATE:** New Journal *Algebraic Combinatorics* already has 46 submissions after only 2 months!

At the end of June 2017, the four editors-in-chief of the *Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics* informed Springer that they will not renew their contracts, which terminate on 31 December 2017. All of the editorial board members have also resigned, to form the editorial board of a new journal that has been called *Algebraic Combinatorics*, run according to Fair Open Access Principles. *Algebraic Combinatorics* is now up and running with interim editors-in-chief Satoshi Murai and Vic Reiner. The transition to Fair Open Access was supported by the organisation *Mathematics in Open Access* (MathOA).

The editors of the *Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics* are Akihiro Munemasa, Christos Athanasiadis, Hugh Thomas and Hendrik van Maldeghem. Once their contracts with Springer expire, they will become editors-in-chief at *Algebraic Combinatorics*.

#### *How is it going?*

‘We have had about 46 submissions in the last two months, of which roughly 12 or so were withdrawn from JACO and resubmitted to us, and 4 of those have already been accepted-- the rest are in process, and that seems to be going smoothly’, says Vic Reiner. ‘The volume of submissions has been pretty exciting, and we are of course maintaining our high standard. We are confident that we can have the first issue in January 2018. And, of course, there is the fact that now **all** of the editorial board have resigned from JACO with the EiC's, and all but two re-joined the ALCO board, with the two resigning due to age. Also, community support remains strong. Everyone I talk to at meetings is very happy about it, and thanks us.’

‘We were inspired by the *Linguistics in Open Access* (LingOA) project that flipped 4 journals in linguistics last year. We therefore also started a foundation *Mathematics in Open Access* (MathOA), that will help other journals in mathematics flip to Fair Open Access’ says Mark Wilson, one of the founding members of MathOA.

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