

Statement of the candidate for election to the Executive Committee

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Three reasons why I accept nomination for election to the EC:

Mathematics is extremely international and unified. Europe is not yet, at least not as much as we would wish. Member societies in the EMS are of different size and live in different conditions. The EC has made a big effort to overcome this diversity. For instance, the idea to organize regular informal meetings of presidents of mathematical societies provide the possibility to know each other and to learn about specific problems the individual societies are being faced with. The Czech Mathematical Society organized several successful joint meetings of smaller societies. I believe that it is useful if the EC in some way reflects the regional variety of the EMS. When Pavel Exner leaves the EC by the end of this year, there would be no EC member from the Central and East Europe societies.

For more than decade the EMS has paid attention to issues of digital publishing, archiving and dissemination of mathematical knowledge. I have been actively engaged in cooperation with Zentralblatt MATH for 15 years and since 2003 also in repeated efforts to get support for the project of European Digital Mathematics Library (EuDML). In the last five years I have been the coordinator of the successful project of the Czech Digital Mathematics Library and in this connection I am also involved in the EuDML project starting this year. In 2009 I have been affiliated to the EMS Electronic publishing Committee.

I can offer the experience gained through my long-term work for the Czech Mathematical Society and in science administration and organization.