

Editorial

There are three articles in this issue. In “On Philosophy of Science and Noether’s *Chefd’oeuvre*”, Shyam Iyengar attempts to reveal the inner beauty in the philosophy of Noether’s theorem. “Introduction to Toric Topology” by Suyoung Choi provides the basics to the subject and its recent progresses. V Rajaraman gives a very interesting and comprehensive account on John McCarthy and his contributions to Computer Science in “John McCarthy — Father of Artificial Intelligence”.

The importance of mathematics in industry has been overlooked, especially in the Asia Pacific region. It is heartening to learn that finally the planning of the formation of an organisation dedicated to industrial mathematics has taken place in Canberra during 31 March – 2 April, 2014. It is hoped that the proposed APCMfi (Asia Pacific Consortium of Mathematics for Industry) will be successfully launched soon (see page 26 for more details).

As this would be the last issue for me as an editor, I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to you. During the past four years, I have received unfailing support and cooperation from various fraternal organisations and publications. Without their input and effort it would be impossible for me to carry out my task as the editor of this bulletin. My sincere thanks to them for all the help and assistance rendered. Finally, I would like to wish APMN all the best in the years to come.

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