

Thank you ... from the editor

My tenure as editor of *Pythagoras* comes to an end with this issue and it would be remiss of me not to make a few comments. The table below provides an overview of the submission traffic since issue 60. It is apparent that there has been a steady increase of submissions with a corresponding increase of published papers. This points to an active Mathematics Education research community, and an increased commitment to research dissemination in South Africa.

Edition	Number of articles received	South African authors	Foreign authors	Rejected by editor and sent back for reworking	Reviewed by panel	Rejected by majority of panel	Accepted by majority of panel	Published articles
60	8	7	1	2	6	1	5	5
61	10	9	1	1	9	1	8	5
62	13	12	1	1	12	2	10	7
63	15	15	0	3	12	2	10	6
64	Special Edition: Mathematical Literacy							8
65	14	14	0	1	12	2	10	8
66	14	13	1	0	14	4	10	8

I wish to pay tribute to our reviewers who have given generously of their time in reviewing papers and providing sound and professional advice. Good reviewers are fundamental for the integrity of any academic journal. It is through this process of peer review that *Pythagoras* sustains robust and rigorous academic engagement. I also wish to thank all the authors who have submitted papers and subjected themselves to the often daunting peer review experience. I wish to encourage those whose papers were either substantially dissected or rejected not to lose heart – learn from the experience and try again! I would also like to pay tribute to our two language/formatting editors, Ms Mariss Stevens and Ms Nikki Köhly for their meticulous work and unfaltering support. Without them *Pythagoras* would simply not happen! My thanks also go to the AMESA Council for their continuous support and encouragement.

Appropriate dissemination (and consumption) of good quality Mathematics Education research in South Africa is an issue of concern. *Pythagoras* plays a crucial role in the dissemination and advocacy of good research and it is important that it remains the journal of choice for experienced and aspiring authors. I wish my successor, Prof Alwyn Olivier from Stellenbosch all the best as he takes *Pythagoras* to new heights.

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