

Message from the President

Let me start by wishing each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!

Do you read the *Bulletin of the ICA* on paper or electronically? If you prefer to receive the *Bulletin* only electronically, please send a note to the ICA Registrar, Bryan Freyberg, at frey0031@d.umn.edu to indicate your preference. We now offer this option because some ICA Fellows only read the electronic version and neither need nor want the paper copy. Some Fellows wish to reduce the environmental costs incurred by printing and shipping. Others suggest that possible cost savings may enable the ICA to continue its many activities without increasing dues. The ICA dues have changed little since the founding of the ICA in 1990, despite the fact that a 2022 U.S. dollar buys less than 44 cents in 1990 dollars (according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). If you still want to receive the paper copy, we plan to continue mailing them. But please email Bryan if not.

Do you look forward to the news items in the *Bulletin of the ICA*? In Volume 96, we asked for a volunteer to serve as the *BICA* News Editor, and we are still seeking a volunteer. If you are interested, please email bica@the-ica.net.

The ICA has been busy since my last report.

The ICA Medals: The Medals Committee (Michael Giudici (chair), Heather Jordon, and Ying Miao) is busy receiving nominations for the 2022 medals. The Canvassing Committee (Mateja Sajna (chair), Wayne Goddard, Alison Marr, Daniel Panario, Olga Polverino, Dinesh Sarvate, Tommaso Traetta, Xiande Zhang, and Sanming Zhou) identified more than twenty possible nominees, and succeeded in bringing in at least a dozen nominations. Their work continues as they advise nominators about the process. Thanks to both committees for their invaluable work!

In 2022, nine ICA medals were awarded at conferences. We look forward to arranging the five remaining medal presentations that have been delayed by the pandemic. Since my last report, the Euler Medals for Dieter Jungnickel and Hendrik Van Maldeghem have been presented at the Sixth Irsee Conference (Finite Geometries 2022). The Kirkman Medals for Tao Zhang and Chong Shangguan, and the Hall Medals for Jie Ma and Tao Feng, were presented at the National Conference on Combinatorics in China in August. Photos of these six presentations appear on page ?? of this volume. Thanks again to Gennian Ge and Alex Pott for their help!

Conference Support: In 2022, the ICA supported seven conferences. We are happy to see in-person conferences resume, and to be able to help out financially. As always, conference organizers can write to the President with requests for ICA support for appropriate future conferences.

The ICA Office: The ICA Registrar reminds everyone to ensure that the ICA office has your correct mail and email addresses. If you know someone

who has lost contact with the ICA or let their membership lapse, encourage them to reestablish contact with the Registrar. As always, encourage friends and colleagues to join.

The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM): We are exploring options for conferences at which to hold the 2023 AGM. An email to the membership will report on this in the near future.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who have made a monetary gift to the ICA during 2022.

I especially want to thank Sarah Holliday, our ICA Secretary, and Doug Stinson, our former President, for their very generous gifts. Both Sarah and Doug have volunteered their time and energy to the ICA for many years, for which we all are thankful. Their gifts permit the ICA to carry on important efforts, giving us yet another reason to thank them for their thoughtful and generous support.

Charles Colbourn, President