

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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EDP Sciences and the French Society of Applied and Industrial Mathematics (SMAI) wish to wholeheartedly acknowledge Vitaly Volpert for his long services as founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Mathematical Modelling of Natural Phenomena* (MMNP). It is thanks to his hard work and dedication that the journal has risen to the leading place it holds today in the field of applied mathematics. Dr Volpert has kindly accepted to remain on the editorial board as Associate Editor to assure a smooth transition. We wish him a well-deserved retirement from his duties as Editor-in-Chief.

The journal has grown and embraced many changes over its 16 yr of existence. Notably, in the last 4 yr, these changes have allowed the journal to evolve from publishing exclusively commissioned special issues, to publishing spontaneous submissions in all domains of mathematical modelling in biology, medicine, chemistry, physics, economics, and other areas. This gradual evolution has been documented in Editorials published in 2020, 2021, 2023, as well in as Dr. Volpert's farewell [Editorial](#).

During this time, MMNP also rose to the forefront of innovation in publishing and open science. In 2020, MMNP was the first mathematics journal in the world to transition to open access under the [Subscribe to Open](#) model, opening a new route to open access publication without author charges for the six mathematics journals co-published by EDP Sciences and SMAI. In 2022, MMNP was the first mathematics journal to [partner with Peer Community In](#), facilitating the submission, peer review and publication in MMNP of preprints that have been evaluated and recommended by a community of mathematical and computational biologists. Most recently in 2023, MMNP, along with the other mathematics journals in the portfolio, updated its [Data and Code sharing policy](#) to support sharing of data and code according to [FAIR principles](#).

We now welcome two new Editors-in-Chief. Following the rules of the other joint EDP Sciences and SMAI publications, they were invited by the administrative board of SMAI, which acted in consultation with Vitaly Volpert. Dr. Clair Poignard and Prof. Raluca Eftimie have accepted SMAI's invitation to take over the editorship of the journal as of the 1st of June 2023, for 4 years.

We look forward to continuing to publish great content in the coming years and to lead the way in open science publishing.

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Clair Poignard is Research Director, head of the team MONC: Mathematical modeling in ONCology at the Inria research center at the University of Bordeaux. After undergraduate studies at Ecole Normale Supérieure de Rennes, Clair Poignard received his PhD degree from the University Lyon 1 in 2006, under the supervision of M. Schatzmann and L. Nicolas. He was then postdoctoral fellow at CMAP-Ecole Polytechnique under the supervision of H. Ammari. He joined Inria as research scientist in 2008. His research deals with the mathematical modeling of the interactions of living tissue with physical stress, and more precisely on the multiscale modeling of electroporation a novel ablation technique.



Raluca Eftimie is currently Professor of Mathematics at the University of Franche-Comté. She received her PhD in 2008 at the University of Alberta (Canada). After a Postdoctoral Fellowship at McMaster University (Canada) between 2008 and 2011, in September 2011 she moved to the University of Dundee (UK) as a Lecturer. She became Senior Lecturer in 2014, Reader in 2017 and Chair in 2020. Prof. Eftimie left Dundee in November 2020 to take up a new position at the University of Franche-Comté (France), while remaining an Honorary Professor at the University of Dundee. Her research focuses on mathematical applications to biology and medicine.



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