

FROM *PEF* TO *AADM*

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This is the last issue of the journal *Publikacije Elektrotehničkog Fakulteta - serija Matematika (PEF)*, or with the English title, *Publications of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering - series Mathematics*. Founded in the year 1956 as *Serija Matematika i Fizika*, the journal will continue its life under the name *Applicable Analysis and Discrete Mathematics (AADM)*. The journal will be biannual, with issues appearing in April and October. The first issue of *AADM* is published simultaneously with this last issue of *PEF*.

The necessity of a change gradually became more obvious, especially from the nineties, when the proportion of international authors started to increase, so that presently they make a compelling majority. People had problems with remembering the name and not only those who had a casual relationship with us. Not once has it happened that authors, while submitting their contributions, wrote the journal's name incorrectly. Even the authors of published papers sometimes cited them wrongly. About a year ago I attended a lecture given at *ETF* by our former colleague from computer science, who now lives and works in the United States. During his talk he complained that his main reference, published long ago in *PEF*, had been cited a lot, but nobody really had read it. However, nobody had a chance to read it because the author himself was citing his work as being published in *Mathematical Publications of the School of Electrical Engineering*, or something like that.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of *PEF*, the international mathematical conference *Topics in Mathematical Analysis and Graph Theory–MAGT*, was held in Belgrade, September 1–4, 2006. Almost all members of the editorial board of *PEF* were attending the conference and it was a chance to discuss the issue of a new name and a new image for the journal. In fact, all participants had a chance to suggest a new name; there was a ballot box near the coffee table. On Sunday, September 3, a special session was held devoted to *PEF*. In informal discussions the participants brought out many constructive suggestions regarding the name and the way the journal should change. Finally, after additional consulta-

tions the new name was announced at the closing ceremony of *MAGT* on Monday, September 4.

The new name reflects the scope of the journal which remains a general mathematical journal, concentrated around areas such as classical mathematical analysis (including convexity and inequalities with applications), functional analysis, differential and difference equations, special functions, combinatorics and graph theory, applications in probability and statistics, numerical analysis and computer science. We hope that under the new name and with expanded international editorial and advisory boards, *AADM* will become more appealing to a wider set of authors and readers.

Not only because, from now on, the journal will be stacked in the front rows of shelves in libraries!