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EDITORIAL

We are proud to introduce the journal, *Innovations in Graph Theory*, devoted to publishing high-quality research in graph theory including its interactions with other areas. This is diamond open access —meaning no fees are charged to authors and readers— and community-owned —via a non-profit society, *Stichting Innovations in Graph Theory*. Fresh on the heels of several similar launches and rebirths (*Advances in Combinatorics*, *Algebraic Combinatorics*, *Combinatorial Theory*), we announced the journal at the end of August 2023 in Prague. The broader aim is to enable combinatorial researchers to establish or maintain their scientific careers by exclusively publishing diamond open access.

In the first 12 months, we received 51 submissions. We recognise the professional risk one takes in submitting one's painstaking work to a newly-launched journal with zero track record, and sincerely thank all contributors for their vital support. We offer our wholehearted gratitude to the referees who volunteer their time and expertise. The success of the journal crucially relies on these contributions.

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We warmly invite you to peruse our first issue.

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