



Schweizerische Mathematische Gesellschaft
Société Mathématique Suisse
Swiss Mathematical Society

Annual Report of the SMS President for 2025

1 Summary

The year 2025 has seen a variety of activities of the Swiss Mathematical Society (SMS).

Besides the regular SMS spring meeting and SMS fall meeting, SMS co-sponsored seven mathematical conferences (see below).

The two scholarly journals of the SMS had a successful year with many excellent publications; e.g. it is notable that CMH climbed to an impact factor of 1.4 (from 1.1 in 2023) in the last available period of 2024.

SMS was involved in four outreach activities and it supported early career researchers who were lacking the funds to attend some conferences.

The weekly electronic Newsletter of the SMS provides timely information on mathematical events in Switzerland. Members of the SMS can subscribe to the electronic Newsletter on the [SMS website](#).

On December 31, 2025, the SMS had exactly 489 active members (492 resp. 501 on December 31, 2024, resp. 2023).

The Swiss Mathematical Society mourns the loss of five of its longterm members in 2025: Prof. Dr. Urs Hochstrasser († 21.01.2025, 71 years member), Prof. Dr. Alain Robert († 07.03.2025, 61 years member), Prof. Dr. Hans-Rudolf Schwarz († 01.04.2025, 70 years member), Prof. Dr. Konrad Osterwalder († 19.12.2025, 40 years member), Prof. Dr. Tom Ilmanen († 22.12.2025, 26 years member).

2 Journals of the SMS

The SMS owns two scholarly journals, *Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici* (CMH) and *Elemente der Mathematik*. Both are published open access by EMS Press, the publishing house of the European Mathematical Society, EMS.

In the following we summarize the reports by their Editors-in-Chief (EiC):

2.1 Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici (CMH), based on Report by Eva Bayer, Editor-in-Chief:

2025	Number of submitted papers	Number of submitted pages	Number of accepted papers	Number of accepted pages	Number of rejected papers	Number of rejected pages
	256	7291	20	568	223	6379

The average time between submission and publication is 23 months. The number of published papers in 2025 (Volume 100) is 16, with a total of 802 printed pages.

The backlog was quite high, hence we rejected most papers. This was done very quickly (in most cases). Before sending out a paper for refereeing, we ask for 2-3 quick overall opinions, and only go ahead if they are all excellent.

The collaboration of the EiC with the Editorial Board and with EMS Press is excellent. We welcome two new members of the Editorial Board, starting in January 2026, Sobhan Seyfaddini (ETH Zurich) and Corinna Ulcigrai (University of Zurich).

In 2025, the Advisory Board of SMS elected J r my Blanc as new Editor-in-Chief of CMH who will start on January 1, 2027.

CMH is very sad to report that Dietmar Salamon, member of the Editorial Board of CMH for 25 years, passed away unexpectedly on November 4, 2025, at the age of 72 years.

In the name of SMS I thank Eva Bayer and the whole Editorial Board of CMH for their excellent work and dedication.

2.2 Elemente der Mathematik, based on Report by Norbert Hungerb hler, Editor-in-Chief:

In 2025 appeared the four issues 80/1, 80/2, 80/3 and 80/4 of *Elemente der Mathematik*. Also the 2025 edition contains numerous interesting and diverse articles, problems, and a review. The journal remains popular with authors, maintaining a steady stream of submissions and a backlog of approximately 14 months. The *Short Notes* rubric remains highly popular. However, the book review section saw low activity, with only one review published in 2025.

The Editorial Board has undergone a major change: Stefan Grieder has stepped down from the Editorial Board at the end of 2025 after 15 years of managing the problem section. During this time he handled the algebraic, geometric, and combinatorial problems with utmost precision and with matchless elegance. Stefan Grieder is succeeded by Martin Lukarevski of the Goce Del ev University, who began a transition period earlier in the year to ensure a smooth handover. Furthermore, Norbert Hungerb hler, the long-standing Managing Editor (since 2010) and board member (since 2000), announced he will step down at the end of 2026. This follows his appointment as Editor-in-Chief of *The Mathematical Intelligencer* starting in 2027.

EMS Press has made it possible for *Elemente der Mathematik* to be published under the *Subscribe to Open* model, making all 2025 articles available via Open Access. Additionally, all articles older than five years are accessible through the Swiss Digital Mathematics

Library. The authors appreciate the service introduced in 2022, which allows accepted papers to be published online first.

The journal's reach remains stable through library consortia, though personal subscriptions continue a slight decline due to an aging subscriber base. The journal is available at a comparatively modest price for both institutional and individual subscribers. Members of SMS can have a personal subscription at an annual rate of CHF 34 and we encourage all members to subscribe to the journal personally.

In the name of SMS I thank Norbert Hungerbühler and the whole Editorial Board of *Elemente* for their excellent work and dedication.

3 Mathematical Events and Conferences Supported by SMS

Throughout the year 2025 there were many mathematical events and conferences which were supported by SMS and SCNAT:

- *14th Swiss-French Workshop on Algebraic Geometry*, January 13-17, 2025, Charmey/Gruyère; Organizers: Andrea Fanelli (Bordeaux), Philipp Habegger (Basel), Julia Schneider (Sheffield).
- *SMS Doctoral Day*, May 9, 2025, Université de Fribourg; Organizers: Denis Marti, Noa Vikman and Stefan Wenger. 40 participants, for PhD students from all Swiss universities.
- *P-adic and Characteristic-p-Methods in Algebraic Geometry*, June 2-13, 2025, Bernoulli Center; Organizers: Fabio Bernasconi (Sapienza Università di Roma), Zsolt Patakfalvi (EPFL).
- *SMS Spring Meeting, Workshop on the mathematics of post-quantum cryptography*, June, 2–6, 2025, University of Zurich; Organizers: M. Baldi, L. De Feo, E. Gorla, J. Rosenthal, V. Weger, F. Robmann, G. Borin, A. Mazumder, M. Schaller, S. Sconza, A. Sutton, B. Toesca di Castellazzo.
- *Spectral Theory and Applications in Mathematical Physics, STAMP*, June 2–5, 2025, University of Bern; Organizers: Zoltan Balogh and MAI Bern.
- *Swiss Knots 2025*, June 4-6, 2025, University of Geneva; Organizers: David Cimasoni (Geneva), Paul Turner (Geneva).
- *Summer School ‘Le Groupe de Cremona’*, June 9–20, 2025, CNRS Grenoble (F); Organizers: Michel Brion, Emmanuel Peyre (both Grenoble).
- *Higher Dimensional Hyperbolic Geometry*, September 8–13, 2025, Ventotene (I); Organizers: Claire Burrin (Universität Zürich), Alessandra Iozzi (ETHZ), Emmanuel Kowalski (ETHZ), Michah Sageev (Technion).
- *SMS Fall Meeting: Swiss Geometry Day*, November 3, 2025; Organizer: Peter Feller, Université de Neuchâtel.

4 Travel Support of SMS for Early Career Researchers

On a regular basis the SMS evaluates requests for travel support from early career researchers. Using funds from SCNAT and SMS we supported about a dozen early career researchers so that they were able to participate in some scientific event in the past years.

5 Mathematical Outreach activities

SMS continued to sponsor a number of activities aimed at mathematical outreach in 2025. E.g., for the third time, SMS supported an activity aimed at school children called ‘Mathe im Advent’. This yearly outreach programme started in Germany with the support of the Deutsche Mathematikervereinigung, DMV, and the programme now runs successfully also in Switzerland. In addition the following concrete outreach projects were supported:

- *Exhibition: Art, Mathematics, Materials Science and Biology*, EPFL Pavilions, January 1 - March 9, 2025; Scientific Direction: Marc Troyanov (EPFL), Hugo Parlier (University of Luxembourg, University of Fribourg), Michael Herbst (EPFL).
- *Caravane des Maths*, Outreach Programme of the University of Neuchâtel; Organzier: Jérémy Blanc (Université de Neuchâtel).
- *Les Marmottes, Mathematics Camp for Girls*, SwissMap Research Station, Les Diablerets, April 21-25, 2025. Organizers: Elise Raphael (University of Geneva), Sandie Moody (College of Geneva).
- *Leonard Math Camp*, October 8-11, 2025, Hôtel les Sources, Les Diablerets; Organizer: Livio Liechti (Université de Fribourg).
- *SMS-SMF meeting ‘From Research to Outreach’*, SwissMap Research Station, Les Diablerets, October 19-24, 2025, 63 participants; Organizing Committee: Pierre-Alain Cherix (UniGE + Mathscope), Rémi Coulon (CNRS + Univ. Bourgogne-Europe), Bruno Duchesne (Univ. Paris-Saclay + SMF), Shaula Fiorelli (UniGE + Mathscope), Elise Raphael (UniGE + SwissMap), Alain Valette (UniNE + SMS).

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