

# To the Reader

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We are proud to present what may well be the best issue of *Experimental Mathematics* yet. It is certainly the thickest: starting with this issue, we will be publishing about 640 pages a year instead of the 420 of last year. This expansion was motivated by our backlog, which has built up due to a large number of first-rate submissions.

In fact, the amount of material in our quarterly issues has been growing all along, with a 30% increase in the number of pages from 1992 to 1999 and an enlargement in the page format between 1998 and 1999.

This year's more dramatic change attests to the maturity of the journal and to our commitment to timely publication of accepted papers. Even better, there was no price increase from 1999 to 2000 for institutional subscriptions, while our individual subscriptions remain a bargain.

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