

FLORENTIN SMARANDACHE  
**Jubilee of “Gamma”  
Journal**

*In* Florentin Smarandache: “Collected Papers”, vol. I (second edition).  
Ann Arbor (USA): InfoLearnQuest, 2007.

## JUBILEE OF “GAMMA” JOURNAL

This autumn will be a few years since the school journal “Gamma” was founded at Lyceum “Steagul Roșu” in Brașov, Romania, under the guidance of the good hearted professor MIHAIL BENCZE, who has not spared any effort for it.

In the 28 numbers issued up to present, the “Gamma” journal has encouraged over two thousands students in solving problems of mathematics, helping them prepare for scientific competitions, exams for grades and degrees for universities. Each year, the Editorial Office grants prizes and honorable mentions to the most hardworking pupils who solve problems.

The journal’s structure is classic. The wider space is dedicated to the original proposed problems of mathematics for grades 8-12 and college levels of computer science, up to present exceeding 7000, out of which we are sure that any time a bunch of very interesting problems, highly difficult, can be selected. We remember that some of those have already appeared in prestigious foreign journals – i.e. “American Mathematical Monthly”, “Mathematics Magazine”, etc. We also remember the over 80 open problems. Among which some may constitute topics of research for the mathematicians of tomorrow. Some elegant and ingenious problems are solved/resolved in the pages of this journal. The journal also contains problems translated from foreign magazines (“Kvant”, A. M. M.) or foreign collections, problems given at Olympiads of mathematics from other countries (Spain, Belgium, Tunisia, Morocco, etc.) as well as from our country (GMB, RMT, Matematikai Lapok) some with solutions or even with generalizations of problems from the magazines mentioned above. Also, over one hundred “Where is the fault? (in demonstrations)” notes of mathematics.

There have been over 130 papers for popularization of mathematics or matters concerning inter disciplinary, mathematics and other domains (physics, philosophy, psychology, etc.) or even of creation.

The column “Mini Mathematical History”, sustained with regularity by Prof. M. Bencze, schematically presented approximately 150 Romanian and foreign biographies of mathematicians.

Among the journal’s collaborators included (other than the students, who are the most numerous, because, in fact, it is their journal) are professors, engineers, computer science specialists, and university faculty. Many are recognized in their field of specialty. The foreign collaborators Dr. E. Grosswald, Dr. Leroy F. Meyers (U. S. A.), Prof. Francisco Bellot (Spain), are famous in the world of Mathematics.

Additionally, the Editorial Office sporadically published Mathematical Paradoxes, cross words, “Mathematical Poems”, and columns (such as “...did you know that...”), graphic themes and mottos (let us better call them, words of wisdom) of famous people.

It remains Long Live Mathematics.

September 1987

[Published in “Gamma”, XXIX-XXX, Anul X, 1-2, October 1987, pp. 7-8.]