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Editorial announcement

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I am excited to inform all previous and future contributors, as well as readers, that the journal *Advances in Difference Equations* has been transferred to the international publisher Springer, Science + Business Media, to continue publication as part of the new SpringerOpen range of fully open access journals.

I am honored to continue to act as Editor-in-Chief, serving alongside editorial board members from various well-renowned institutions. In joining SpringerOpen, we are confident that the journal will have a much stronger impact in the near future. Based on the many high quality articles published since 2004, it is our belief that our impact factor will be further strengthened.

The journal *Advances in Difference Equations* is a peer-reviewed journal. The aim of *Advances in Difference Equations* is to report new developments in the field of difference equations, abstract, functional and fractional differential equations, and their applications in all fields. *Advances in Difference Equations* will accept high-quality papers containing original research results and survey articles of exceptional merit.

By continuing to publish as an open access journal, all articles published in the journal *Advances in Difference Equations* will be freely available for anyone to view as before. The existing coverage in the indexing and abstracting services will also continue uninterrupted.

All manuscripts submitted to *Advances in Difference Equations* will be subjected to a quick and impartial closed peer-review process. The Editor-in-Chief/Associate Editors will initially examine the manuscripts to check the suitability of papers. Based on reviews, and the recommendations from the assigned editors, the Editor-in-Chief will inform authors regarding acceptance of their manuscripts. Upon acceptance, the articles will appear online immediately.

I am delighted to be taking the journal *Advances in Difference Equations* forward with SpringerOpen and look forward to disseminating high quality research developments to the academic community.

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(Editor-in-Chief)

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