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Open letter of the DVMLG concerning their publishing agreement with the publisher Wiley.

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(1) With this letter, the *Deutsche Vereinigung für Mathematische Logik und für Grundlagenforschung der exakten Wissenschaften* (DVMLG) informs the publisher *Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA* (Wiley) that it will not extend the publishing agreement between the DVMLG and Wiley concerning the journal *MLQ: Mathematical Logic Quarterly* (MLQ) beyond the current agreement period. As a consequence, the agreement will end on 31 December 2025 and from 1 January 2026, the journal MLQ will no longer be published under the auspices of the DVMLG.

(2) The DVMLG believes that the academic editorial process guaranteeing scientific quality control should be entirely in the hands of an editorial team consisting of members of the academic research community that are entirely free from pressure or influence of commercial and profit-oriented interests. The role of the publisher in the editorial process is to provide the editorial team with an environment that efficiently assists them in their task and conforms to the specifications of the academic research community.

The academic community strongly prefers that all research results are freely available around the world (“open science”) and that neither readers nor authors are charged for the dissemination of research results (“diamond open access”).

The DVMLG believes that there is a tension between the interests of commercial and profit-oriented publishers and the main purposes of academic publishing; a cooperation of the academic community with a commercial, profit-oriented publisher is only fruitful if the publisher respects the expectations and demands of the academic community.

(3) In 2010, the DVMLG and Wiley signed a publishing agreement concerning the journal MLQ. From 2011 to 2025, the DVMLG was responsible for nominating the editors and managing editors of MLQ and the journal was published under the auspices of the DVMLG. At the beginning of their collaboration, Wiley respected the decisions of the editorial team and provided an environment that appropriately assisted them in their tasks.

(4) The editors and managing editors of MLQ reported that the attitudes and procedures of Wiley have changed considerably in the last few years and that commercial and profit-oriented interests are now influencing the editorial process negatively. On the basis of this changed situation, the members of DVMLG decided not to continue the publishing agreement with Wiley after it ends on 31 December 2025.