



From the President, Ari Laptev

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The Rector  
Professor Anders Hallberg,  
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Dear Professor Hallberg,

I have recently learned that two distinguished and renowned professors at the Department of Mathematics of Uppsala University were offered three years' salary as an inducement to secure their resignations.

This disturbing incidence has raised much concern amongst the international mathematical community.

We are intending to discuss this matter in the next issue of the EMS Newsletter and therefore, on behalf of the European Mathematical Society, I should be most grateful if you would kindly clarify the situation for our members (deadline May 1, 2007).

Yours sincerely,

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