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Ihr Zeichen
Ihre Nachricht vom
Mein Zeichen GMZ/WL/ep
Meine Nachricht vom

DMV Präsident
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Dear Professor Hallberg,

in our function as the president and the vice president of the German Mathematical Society (Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung, DMV) we were informed that the professors Oleg Viro and Burglind Juhl-Jöricke at the Department of Mathematics at Uppsala University were urged to accept three years' salary as an inducement to secure their resignation.

There are conflicting descriptions of what has happened at the relevant meeting. Until further notice we must assume that the transcripts of the sound recordings of the crucial meetings that have been made available to us represent the record correctly.

This very disturbing and extraordinary incident has raised much concern amongst the international and the German mathematical community, the latter in particular since one of the professors is German. The EMS president has already asked you for a clarification of this matter and you have sent a response which is in our opinion not satisfactory.

The incident is too unusual and too important to be considered as an internal affair of your university and has already stirred a lot of dicussions within the international community. Thus it poses a serious threat to the international reputation to your university.

The Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung is urgently asking you to give more explanations to the scientific community and to reconsider your decision. Our concerns will grow as long as no further action takes place from your side.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler
(DMV President)

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Lück
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