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Abstract

With due thanks to the Intercollegiate Biomathematics Alliance for their unending support, *Spora* is offering once again another highly respected platform for collaborative research in mathematics, biology, and related fields. *Spora*'s role in disseminating work especially accessible to students makes it a unique platform to expand the body of knowledge in mathematical biology. *Spora* welcomes submissions related to Ph.D. dissertations, master's theses, and undergraduate research projects as well as original research.

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An Impact of Ten Years

As we embark on the next decade of publishing biomathematics research conducted by students and faculty, we look back at the impact that *Spora* has made in the mathematical biology community.

Over the past ten years, we have had the privilege of publishing numerous articles that showcased the diverse interests of our close-knit community. *Spora*'s nurturing approach has significantly contributed to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and I am immensely grateful for the work that our reviewers, editors, and *Spora* staff have performed.

The journey began in 2015 with *Spora*'s inaugural volume. The positive and constructive feedback from the authors, readers, along with the reviewers and the editorial team greatly encouraged us to continue supporting the journal. Subsequently, *Spora* went on to publish a series of articles that were the product of the Cross-Institutional Undergraduate Research Experience workshops and the Annual Symposium on Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research, in addition to the articles submitted by research groups worldwide. The praises that *Spora* has received over the years have a common theme: its rigorous review process and the high standards maintained by the Editorial Board. *Spora*'s ground rule of offering only constructive criticism provided by the reviewers has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in refining the quality and impact of the research published in the journal. The commitment of *Spora* to promoting excellence in scholarly publishing has not only benefited academic careers of many, but has also contributed to the advancement of the broader scientific community.

Moreover, the evolution of *Spora* over the past decade, adapting to the changing landscape of academic publish-

ing has been remarkable. The incorporation of innovative technologies, the expansion of the journal's reach, and the commitment to open access principles have positioned *Spora* as a leading platform for disseminating cutting-edge research.

In addition to intellectual growth, *Spora* has facilitated collaborations with esteemed colleagues and researchers from around the world, fostering a global network of scholars. Especially the interdisciplinary nature of *Spora* has facilitated the cross-pollination of ideas and has broadened the impact of biomathematics research beyond the confines of our immediate academic community.

As I reflect on this decade of research dissemination in my role as the Editor-in-Chief, I am excited about the prospects of *Spora*'s further contributions to world of biomathematics. I am committed to upholding the standards of excellence that *Spora* represents and look forward to engaging in the peer-review process as a way of giving back to the academic community.

Once again, thank you for being a part of *Spora* and contributing to the collective body of knowledge. I am confident that the coming years will bring even more exciting opportunities and challenges, and I am eager to be a part of the ongoing success of *Spora*.

Journal Sections

Manuscripts may be submitted to one of the three sections of *Spora*.

The Biomathematics section publishes high-quality research articles of novel, as well as established, mathematical and statistical approaches to biological hypotheses.

Manuscripts should employ an interdisciplinary approach and should be of interest to a wide spectrum of scientists from related fields. Interdisciplinary research from any sub-discipline within the life sciences in conjunction with any sub-discipline within the mathematical and statistical sciences are also considered for this section.

Similarly, the Biology Research section publishes high-quality articles communicating student-driven research in experimental biology. Research from any sub-discipline of biology are considered, and manuscripts should be of general interest to the biological research community.

Finally, the Exposition section publishes high-quality expository articles that describe particular areas of mathematical biology research. Manuscripts in this section may consist of critical and constructive analyses of the literature in a specific field that are part of undergraduate capstone projects, graduate projects, or reviews. For reviews, it is also appropriate to mention any relevant software or instrumentation.

As always *Spora* owes a part of its success to dedicated faculty reviewers, its editorial board, and the editorial support team members.

With deepest gratitude for our reviewers, editors, staff, and especially authors, I welcome you to Volume 9.