



## ► About the Centre Mersenne

(<http://www.mathdoc.fr/>) The Centre Mersenne develops a comprehensive publishing infrastructure based on a modular service catalog (<https://www.centre-mersenne.org/services/>) towards scientific communities publishing in LaTeX.

It also includes a dissemination platform for open access scientific publications ([https://www.centre-mersenne.org/page/the-centre-mersennes-journals\\_en/](https://www.centre-mersenne.org/page/the-centre-mersennes-journals_en/)).

Its mission includes supporting existing and new publications (journals, books, seminar or conference proceedings) from all scientific disciplines engaged in open access and using LaTeX to prepare articles.



## ► Mission

The Mersenne project has been initiated to address a growing demand within the scientific community for scientific publication alternatives.

The Centre Mersenne is created as an alternative publishing venue:

- public and not-for-profit (no privatisation of the research outputs),
- open access (to foster the dissemination of research results),
- diamond open access (no fee for the reader to read and the author to publish),
- sustainable and affordable,
- created by researchers for researchers.

The Centre Mersenne has a dual purpose:

- to promote scientific publishing and foster dissemination of open access publications: existing



journals as well as newly-created journals,

- to offer, at affordable price, all the necessary tools and professional services to editorial teams to help them manage their journal.

### Who the Centre Mersenne is aimed at?

- Researchers wishing to read and upload articles of those open access publications that are members of the Centre Mersenne,
- Editorial teams of scientific publications looking for a technical, editorial and organisational support.

## ► Who we are

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### Mathdoc

(<http://www.mathdoc.fr/>) The Centre Mersenne was founded in 2017 and launched in 2018, by Cellule Mathdoc (joint service unit of CNRS and University Grenoble Alpes) that develops projects for the French mathematics community such as Numdam (<http://www.numdam.org/>), the French digital mathematics library, Portail Math (<https://portail.math.cnrs.fr/>) or Cedram (<http://www.cedram.org/>), a dissemination platform for French mathematics journals that is currently integrated within Centre Mersenne.



The Centre Mersenne development is based on the Cedram experience.

To know more about:

Mathdoc (<http://www.mathdoc.fr/>) (French only)  
 The history of the project ([/page/history\\_en](/page/history_en))  
 Marin Mersenne ([/page/marin-mersenne\\_en](/page/marin-mersenne_en))

### Team

- Thierry Bouche (<https://www-fourier.ujf-grenoble.fr/?q=en/content/thierry-bouche>), *Scientific Officer*
- Evelyne Miot (<https://www-fourier.ujf-grenoble.fr/~miote/>), *Scientific Officer*
- Célia Vaudaine, *Operational Officer*
- Olivier Labbe, *Technical Officer*
- Patrick Bernaud, *Developer*
- Simon Chevance, *Developer*
- Simon Panay, *Developer*
- Nicolas Franco-Nollet, *LaTeX Copy-editor*
- Franck Lontin, *System Administrator*
- Agnès Agarla, *Administrative and Financial Administration*

## ► Institutional supports and partners

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The Centre Mersenne is:

- In partnership with UGA Éditions (<https://www.uga-editions.com/en/>), the new publishing house of the Université Grenoble Alpes.  (<https://www.uga-editions.com/en/>)
- Supported by CNRS (<http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html>), the National Center for Scientific Research, a public research organization under the responsibility of the French Ministry of Education and Research.  (<http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html>)
- and Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) (<https://www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/>),  (<https://www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/>)
- with financial support from IDEX de Grenoble (<https://www.communaute-univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/about-comue-uga/idex-project/>) (French excellence initiatives) ANR-15-IDEX-02.  financé par IDEX Université Grenoble Alpes

## ► Governance

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The Centre Mersenne's decision process is lead by two governing bodies.

- **Steering committee**

It monitors the center's activity, sets its agenda, decides on priorities. It is composed of:

- INSMI's Director (National Institute for Mathematical Sciences and their Interactions, a component of CNRS);
- UGA's Research Vice-President;
- UGA's IDEX Research and Valorization Executive Director;
- Mathdoc Director;

- Mathdoc Deputy Director;
- Centre Mersenne's Operational Officer.

## Scientific council

It provides advice to the steering committee on journal acceptance, orientations and priorities. It is composed of:

- Claude Sabbah (<http://www.math.polytechnique.fr/cmat/sabbah/>) (président) - Research Supervisor at CNRS (<http://www.cnrs.fr/en>) - Centre de Mathématiques Laurent Schwartz (<https://portail.polytechnique.edu/cmls/>) (CMLS), École polytechnique
- Sylvie Benzoni (<http://math.univ-lyon1.fr/~benzoni/en.html>) - Camille Jordan Institute (<http://156.18.19.152/en/research/laboratories/icj>) (ICJ), Lyon - Institut Henri Poincaré (<http://ihp.fr/en>) (IHP)
- Djalil Chafaï (<http://djalil.chafai.net/>) - Ceremade (<https://www.ceremade.dauphine.fr/>), Paris Dauphine University
- Jean-Pierre Demailly (<https://www-fourier.ujf-grenoble.fr/~demailly/>) - Institut Fourier (<https://www-fourier.ujf-grenoble.fr/>), Grenoble Alpes University
- Marie Farge (<http://wavelets.ens.fr/EQUIPE/marie.htm>) - Research Supervisor Emeritus at CNRS (<http://www.cnrs.fr/en>) - Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique (<http://www.lmd.jussieu.fr/>) (LMD) - Institut Pierre Simon Laplace (<https://www.ipsl.fr/en/>) (IPSL) - École nationale Supérieure Paris (<http://www.math.ens.fr/?lang=en>) (ENS Paris)
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- Christoph Sorger ([http://www.math.sciences.univ-nantes.fr/~sorger/index\\_en.html](http://www.math.sciences.univ-nantes.fr/~sorger/index_en.html)) - Laboratoire de Mathématiques Jean Leray (<https://www.math.sciences.univ-nantes.fr/fr>) (LMJL), Nantes

## ► Editorial policy

### Open Access / Diamond Open Access

- The Centre Mersenne promotes the view that open access should be the normal way of disseminating research without any financial, legal or technical barrier. Research outputs should be freely, openly available to everyone over the long term.
- This involves the use of free licenses, such as Creative Commons (<https://creativecommons.org/>) CC-0 (<https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/public-domain/cc0/>), CC-BY (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>), CC-BY-ND (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0/>).
- The Centre Mersenne's agenda is to support Diamond Open Access or Gold OA without APC (no fees required to read nor to publish).
- This is why Open Access is one of the Centre Mersenne's main selection criteria for publications

willing to join.

- The Centre Mersenne adheres to the principles stated by the International Council for Science (<https://www.icsu.org/publications/open-access-to-scientific-data-and-literature-and-the-assessment-of-research-by-metrics>).

## Peer Reviewing

- Peer-review process is one of the Centre Mersenne's selection criteria. This ensures a state-of-the-art quality-control over the published papers.
- All the articles of the publications published by the Centre Mersenne are reviewed by peers.
- The Centre Mersenne supports the Peer Review process through its service 'Support to editorial process' with the OJS software.

## Not-for-Profit

The Centre Mersenne is run by a public organization and its operation is not-for-profit, created by researchers, for researchers. It endeavours to fight research output's privatisation and outrageous profit-making out of the scientific commons.

## Long-term Preservation



The Centre Mersenne takes care of long-term preservation of every document published through the archiving solution CLOCKSS (<http://www.clockss.org>).

All documents and data hosted at Centre Mersenne are archived and can be made available for free, in case the Centre Mersenne were to cease activities.

## Transparency

The Centre Mersenne is committed to be transparent on its business model, pricing structure, and selection procedure.

## ► Business model

- The Centre Mersenne aims at providing a quality and long-term support to scientific publications, while keeping costs low.
- Publishing a journal implies recurring costs, and the business model chosen by the Centre Mersenne involves the following: most of the costs are covered by institutions supporting Mathdoc. In parallel, a financial contribution may be required in order to cover running costs (such as article preparation and typesetting, editorial management).
- The Centre Mersenne cost structure and corresponding funding sources are as follows:

| Cost structure | Funding Sources                          |
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|                | <i>Funding by founding organisations</i> |

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| <b>Infrastructure, maintenance and coordination</b>                  | Institutions supporting Mathdoc (CNRS, UGA) provide the Centre Mersenne with the necessary resources for the smooth development and running of the infrastructure.   |
| <b>Implementation costs for a publication</b>                        | Costs associated with the implementation of each journal and with initial support to editorial teams can also be covered by existing funds, up to a limit of 4 new journals/year.  |
| <b>Initial support to the editorial team</b>                         |  |
| <b>Recurring costs induced by the editorial flow of each journal</b> | <p><i>Funding by journals</i></p> <p>Recurring costs induced by each publication shall be borne by the journal itself. The following services: typesetting, plagiarism detection, managing editor, editing and printing, will be billed to the journal publisher or to the institutions supporting the journal.</p> <p>Fees might be adjusted if Centre Mersenne receives support by third parties (libraries, consortia, foundations, etc.), either for its whole operation, or specifically for a given publication.</p> |

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