



A letter from the editors

It is a pleasure to dedicate the papers appearing in this issue of *Algebraic Geometry* to Gerard van der Geer on the occasion of his 75th birthday. In this way we would like to honor the decisive role Gerard played in creating the journal *Algebraic Geometry*. It was around 2012 that he came up with the idea of a new open access journal specialized in algebraic geometry, to be published by the Foundation Compositio Mathematica.

We would also like to acknowledge Gerard's major contribution to bringing to life the Foundation Compositio Mathematica (of which he was a President until 2023), making it such a visible factor in the international mathematical life via its support of numerous conferences and events every year, and showing in an exemplary manner how mathematicians can make a major difference when it comes to changing the publishing model of scientific journals.

This volume contains papers on topics that reflect some of Gerard's broad interests along the decades: abelian varieties and their moduli spaces, tautological rings, lattices, Chow groups, algebraic curves and Jacobians.

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