

Re: JSH: Mistakes happen

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On 19 Jul 2004 06:43:33 -0700, jstevh@msn.com (James Harris) wrote:

*>akolowski@hotmail.com (Andrzej Kolowski) wrote in message
news:<a1fa83d9.0407181346.57ad8d81@posting.google.com>...*
*>> jstevh@msn.com (James Harris) wrote in message
news:<3c65f87.0407180806.6191474f@posting.google.com>...*
*>> >Now a poster has found a minor series of mistakes in my APF paper, and
>> >I admit some chagrin. But mistakes happen. As an author you can
>> >write something and for a lot of psychological reasons (and just plain
>> >carelessness) miss mistakes.*
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*>> ... And overlook them for over a year, even during extended arguments
>> about exactly that part of a very short paper!*
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*>> >I don't know why I wasn't notified of that mistake by Ioannis Argyros,
>> >but given what I've seen from editors at Southwest Journal of
>> >Mathematics, I'm not surprised.*
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>> >
*>> Simple. No one ever looked at it. Your claims that it passed
>> peer review are bogus, probably the result of inexcusable
>> carelessness by the editor.*
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>I was told by Ioannis Argyros that the paper passed peer review.
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>Here's a direct quote with the original grammar errors:
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*>"Our decision to accept the paper for publication in SWJPAM
>was based on positive opinions received by the reviewers.*
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*>You can visit(sometime in May):
><http://rattler.cameron.edu/swjpam/swjpam.html>
>to find it.*
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>Thanks for sending your nice paper to us."

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>Now then, given **your* find of errors it is reasonable to consider the possibility that Ioannis Argyros lied, which may mean that NONE of the papers published in the journal along with mine were actually reviewed!!!*

The paper did not pass a competent review, regardless of what anyone says about what anyone says. There are lots of possibilities, of which the idea that the editor lied seems least likely. Could be a clerical error. Could be that the referee was not competent.

>So the authors of other papers might need to be contacted if you people on sci.math actually care about such a thing, or you can just let it go.

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>My guess is that no one will even bother to look into it as this newsgroup is not about substance. None of you really care if all the papers published actually were reviewed, so you won't push the issue.

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>You don't care.

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>But you **do** care if my paper was reviewed or not. So the problem for you isn't about correctness of the results or proper review, but with whether or not you can attack my paper.

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>Now my position that my paper was reviewed was based on the words of Argyros.

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>Given that Argyros is the chief editor of SWJPAM, it seemed reasonable to believe him.

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>James Harris

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