



International Society of Difference Equations



Dear ISDE members,
dear colleagues and friends,

as new president I am looking forward to representing our **International Society of Difference Equations** in the following two years. Let me thank our former president **Martin Bohner** (Missouri S&T, USA) for his fine work over the recent years - his help and advice as current vice president is also appreciated. Together with **Stefan Hilger** (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany) and **Stefan Siegmund** (Dresden University of Technology, Germany) three former students of the society's first president, the late **Bernd Aulbach**, are members of the board of directors now. I hope to promote difference equations in **Bernd Aulbach's** tradition.

This brings me to next year's two conferences under the auspices of the ISDE:

- **PODE 2016** will be in Riga, Latvia, May 17-20. Many of you surely remember the successful and well-organized ICDEA 2010 in Riga and this alone is a good reason to (re-) visit this beautiful baltic city. For more information let me refer to <http://www.lu.lv/pode2016/>
- **ICDEA 2016** is already the 22nd conference in this series and organized by the Osaka Prefecture University in Osaka, Japan, July 24-29. Without question Japan is always an exciting place to visit. See <http://www.atalacia.com/icdea2016/osaka/> for more details.

We hope that many of you will be able to visit these meetings!

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsoring members for their support of the society. Of course, the regular members of the ISDE are invited to become sponsoring members in 2016. Sponsoring membership (100\$/year) includes free access to the Journal of Difference Equations and Applications for one year.

I wish all of you and your families recreational holidays, as well as a peaceful and successful **New Year 2016**.

Looking forward to meeting you,
best regards from Austria,

Christian Pötzsche
ISDE President

