

SEMINAR ON CONTINUITY IN SEMILATTICES (SCS)

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TOPIC: An Editorial

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SEMINAR?

I think that it would be a real shame if the admittedly herculean efforts by all of us to get the compendium FINALLY ready for the light of the day would have, at the same time, killed the spirit of the SEMINAR.

Was it not a beautiful thing to have a forum for one's improptu thoughts, where no one looked over your shoulder, where every crazy idea was fair game for a report? Have we become overconscious that nothing less than perfection would do in the general area of the mathematics covered by the COMPENDIUM?

The frontier spirit may be gone forever on continuous lattices. But the recent workshops, in particular that of Bremen have in fact demonstrated that all of us had something to say, and indeed something new which had never been promulgated in SCS memos. This is evidence that people do recognize that the field is not dead yet and that they have contributions to make.

I begin to feel ridiculous. The last SCS memo in which I did not sign under "NAMES" on the form was dispatched on May 19, 1978 by Gierz, Lawson, and Mislove. Of course we were all much occupied with readying the COMPENDIUM, but the message I tried to convey by keeping seven memos rolling since (including the one of the same date as this editorial) seems to have fizzled.

At this point, I would like to solicit your opinion. Shall we leave the field completely to the epigones? It is quite clear that they are hard at work; if the Proceedings of the Bremen Workshop materialize as a set of Lecture Notes in Mathematics it will be evident to everyone that the topic is not laid to rest. Since all of you are presumably contributing to the Bremen workshop, would it not be nice if you all supported the seminar by circulating your contributions as SCS memos?