



Press release from the German Mathematical Society (DMV) and the Walter de Gruyter Foundation

Media awards from the German Mathematical Society for Demian Nahuel Goos and Lavina Stauber, honorable mention for Martin Schlak

Berlin, September 28, 2025. This year's winners of the DMV Media Awards have been announced: they go to Demian Nahuel Goos and Lavina Stauber. An honorable mention goes to Martin Schlak's report on the planned mathematical research institute in Ukraine despite the ongoing war. This was recently decided by a jury in Berlin, Germany.

The DMV Media Prize, worth €5,000, recognizes outstanding achievements in the communication and popularization of mathematics. This year, it goes to Demian Nahuel Goos, who holds a doctorate in mathematics and is a freelance journalist. In recent years, he has developed new formats for science communication, such as the audio podcast "Geschichten aus der Mathematik" (Stories from Mathematics) and an art project featuring works by mathematicians from around the world. Exhibitions featuring this work have already been shown several times at the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, which was founded by the Klaus Tschira Foundation. In 2023, the foundation also funded a fellowship for Goos at the MIP.labor at Freie Universität Berlin. This is where the idea and the first episodes of "Stories from Mathematics" were developed. They are now being distributed via the "detektor FM" platform. "Mr. Goos' creativity is impressive, and we hope that he will continue on his path—also with the help of the prize money," said DMV board member and jury chair Gudrun Thäter. The prize money has been donated by the Walter de Gruyter Foundation for many years.

The DMV Journalism Award for 2025, worth €1,000, goes to freelance journalist Lavina Stauber for her radio report on the solution to the Poincaré conjecture, produced on behalf of Bayerischer Rundfunk (BR2, Radiowissen) in collaboration with editor Yvonne Maier. "In her report, the author takes a very courageous approach to higher-dimensional geometry and tells the exciting story of the solution to this millennium problem, which remained unsolved for 100 years until Russian mathematician Grigori Perelman found the solution and turned down the \$1 million prize money," said DMV President Jürg Kramer after the meeting. The article was broadcast on „BR2, Radiowissen“ on February 11, 2025, and has since been accessed 44,000 times in the ARD audio library.

The jury gave an honorable mention to the report "Die Zukunftsformel" (The Formula for the Future), which Martin Schlak published in stern magazine at the end of 2023. In it, he accompanies mathematicians in Ukraine on their journey "from the world of numbers to the world of violence," i.e., how they are trying to realize their dream of a mathematical research institute in Ukraine despite the war situation in their home country. Schlak is now an editor in the science department at „Der Spiegel“ in Hamburg.

The award ceremony will take place on the evening of November 27, 2025, in Berlin Charlottenburg. Anyone wishing to attend should send an email to medienbuero@mathematik.de.

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