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FORTHCOMING SOCIETY MEETINGS

Friday-Saturday 20-21 February 1998 - University of Southampton

Hyperbolic Geometry

Friday-Saturday 22-23 May 1998 - London

Joint meeting with the Irish Mathematical Society

Complex Analysis and Dynamical Systems

LMS COUNCIL DIARY

This is my last diary so perhaps I might be allowed a few final thoughts and an opportunity to thank the many members of Council who have commented, criticized and helped to make the diary more accurate. However, I must accept all responsibility for the comments made and the errors committed. It would also be appropriate to send my best wishes to my successor, Tony Scholl. First a diary of the November council meeting.

Some themes return and keep returning. One is the need to persuade politicians that mathematics is not just about counting. This is a problem in Britain and probably in the rest of the world. The LMS is trying to impress upon the government the importance of mathematics teaching and members could help by approaching their local Members of Parliament. Perhaps at the forthcoming ICM in Berlin national associations could get together to see how these issues could be addressed globally. There is much discussion of the 'global economy' and mathematics is a global discipline. This provides mathematicians with a justification to raise these issues with politicians.

In response to a request from the Director of the Newton Institute, LMS Council considered how the Newton Institute could improve its coverage of the mathematical sciences, in particular in

the light of an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of UK mathematics. Council welcomed this opportunity, and a lively discussion ensued, concentrating on the importance of the Scientific Steering Committee being open to the views of the wider mathematical community, of achieving a more widely representative subject balance on this committee, and of improving UK participation rates. The President was asked to write to the Director summarising the suggestions made.

The Treasurer reported on negotiations for a new building. Some of the working group had gone to look at yet another building which might be suitable. Council is hopeful that decisions can soon be made and that a report will be made to all members. However, buying a large building is a complex business, especially when VAT and refurbishment costs all have to be considered together with the price of the building.

Related in a somewhat curious way is the problem of the backlog on some publications. As has been mentioned before the LMS cannot continue to rely on the goodwill of members and their institutions. Council is considering the appointment of a Publications Manager, or rather, it is considering what such a job would involve. This might well relieve editors of

administrative tasks so that they could concentrate on academic issues. This involves office accommodation and takes us back to buildings. Publications are a very important part of the total activities of the LMS and provide the funding for many of the grants.

The Librarian brought to our attention the possibility of creating an historical collection. It would be good if such a collection could be housed in the new building. The reason for the proposal is that there are opportunities being discussed at the moment concerning two interesting collections.

Many members are affected by the Research Assessment Exercise, which is carried out by the funding councils in Britain. They are asking for views on how to improve the process. The LMS will be responding. However, the funding councils are trying to make the process of consultation as wide as possible and we urge everybody to contribute directly. All the details are available at the web site of the HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England).

It has been a very interesting experience being on Council and writing the Diary. Before that I had served for six years on the Education Committee and have seen the LMS change the role it plays. Some of the activity has been forced upon the LMS by changes made in education and research, both in politics and finance. The new positive approach is one that I welcome and believe has created a base from which mathematics can gain great strength. The LMS is in a very strong position to continue to lead the wider mathematics community forward. Members of Council work very hard to make the LMS successful and most of the time Council gets it right. We all make mistakes but it would help if there was a more positive response from members. We tend to take silence for assent but sometimes, perhaps, it is apathy. This leads Council to be a little insular and to select new participants from those who are known to members of Council. It would be good to see more involvement in elections and policies from the members.

Alan Camina

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

A meeting was held on Friday 21 November 1997 at the Scientific Societies' Lecture Theatre, New Burlington Place, Professor J.M. Ball, FRS, President, in the Chair. There were present about 60 members and visitors. Dr A.R. Pears and Dr D.J. Collins were appointed Scrutineers for the election of Council Members and collected the ballot papers. The Treasurer, Professor A. O. Morris presented his annual report, which is published in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Messrs. Fraser Russell were appointed as auditors.

Twenty-one people were elected to *Ordinary Membership*: A. Aalam, J. Berndt, D. Crisan, D.R. Fearn, A. Fleet, A. Fokas, L. Fradkin, K.D. Glazebrook, G. Jin, C.W.H. Mace, M. Malutshi, J. Martin, P.A. Minh, A.C. Newell, M.K. Pidcock, D. Porter, M.W. Rees, D.S. Riley, I. Roulstone, D. Simpson, T.E. Stinchcombe; six people were elected to *Associate Membership*: A.R. Auld, P.A. Hammond, F. Mirza, J.K. Nath, S.L. Ng, S. Sezgin; and two were elected to *Reciprocity Membership*: J.D.L. Caro (South East Asian Mathematical Society), P. Kirschenhofer (American Mathematical Society). Two members signed the book and were admitted to the Society.

Dr M.R. Jerrum gave a lecture entitled 'Coupling techniques in the design and analysis of experiments'. After tea the Scrutineers announced the election results which are published in this issue of the *Newsletter*. The President, on Council's behalf, presented the 1997 Naylor Prize Certificate to Professor F.P. Kelly FRS, who then gave the 1997 Naylor Prize Lecture on 'Pricing and rate control for communication networks'. The meeting adjourned for the Annual Dinner, which was held at the Naval and Military Club and attended by 61 people.

RICHARD D. RESCO

Professor Richard D. Resco, who was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on 21 March 1986, died on 28 September 1997, aged 47.

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

TWO-DAY MEETING

FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY 1998

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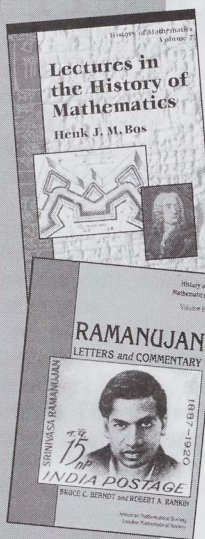
Hyperbolic Geometry

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| Friday
1.45-2.45 | Alex Lubotzky (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
<i>A non-arithmetic super-rigid group; a contra
example to Platonov's conjecture</i> |
| 3.15-4.15 | Yair Minsky (SUNY)
<i>Kleinian length functions and the complex of curves</i> |
| 4.30-5.30 | Werner Ballmann (Bonn)
<i>Groups acting isometrically on Hadamard spaces</i> |
| Saturday
9.00-10.00 | Brian Bowditch (Southampton)
<i>Boundaries of hyperbolic groups</i> |
| 10.30-11.30 | Caroline Series (Warwick)
<i>How to draw quasifuchsian space for once punctured
tori</i> |
| 12.00-13.00 | Misha Kapovich (Utah)
<i>Hyperbolic groups with one-dimensional boundaries</i> |

All lectures will be in Law Lecture Theatre A,
Nuffield Theatre Complex, Highfield Campus

There will be a dinner on the Friday evening:
for further details see the web page
(<http://www.maths.soton.ac.uk/pure/LMSFeb.html>)

History of Mathematics



Lectures in the History of Mathematics

Henk J. M. Bos,
Mathematics Institute,
Utrecht, Netherlands

Volume 7; 1993; 197 pages; Hardcover;
ISBN 0-8218-9001-8; List \$86; Individual
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rists of Hardy's time ... has many pictures, some of them quite marvelous ... What Berndt and Rankin have done is to make a great deal of primary material available.

—Zentralblatt für Mathematik

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—American Mathematical Monthly

Ramanujan: Letters and Commentary

Bruce C. Berndt, University
of Illinois, Urbana, and
Robert A. Rankin, University
of Glasgow, Scotland

This commendable collection ... has brought together precious documents scattered in many places and provides the reader with a wealth of interesting matters related to one of the luminaries in the world of mathematics. [And] through brief and insightful notes and commentaries, the work throws light on many an interesting side street connecting to the grand avenue of knowledge on which we are riding. With resuscitations of some fading photographs and an impressive list of more than 300 references, this book is a very valuable addition to the literature.



[The] filling in of details previously overlooked is one of the merits of the ... book ... Those who helped Ramanujan have our gratitude, for he found many things which we still would not have discovered without his deep insight into the structure of formulas. This book helps us realize who helped and how in more detail than was possible before reading some of the letters.

—Mathematical Reviews

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—Bulletin of the LMS

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997

As a published version of the Annual Report and Accounts is available to members on request and as a version will be deposited in the Society's Archives on the World Wide Web, it is only necessary to highlight a few basic facts.

In the Financial Year September 1st 1996 - August 31st 1997

- The Fixed Asset Investments of the Society increased from £7,939,689 to £9,110,739. Financial markets continued to be strong during this period and this is reflected in the growth in the Society's assets.
- Credit Suisse (UK) Limited were appointed as Investment Managers with discretionary powers for the Society in November 1996. A new Investment Policy was agreed with them.
- At the end of the financial year on August 31st 1997 the total in the Ordinary Share Fund was £5,127,663 (£2,770,581), in the Fixed Interest Fund was £1,335,542 (£2,353,463) and in Bank and Building Society Deposits was £2,547,534 (£2,712,645) - last year's figures in brackets.
- These figures reflect the restructuring of the Society's investment portfolio to bring it more in line with that of the average charity - for example, the Society's holding in Index Linked Funds have been considerably reduced.
- The Printing and Publication Reserve Fund and the Building and Development Reserve Fund have been increased to £1,000,000 and £1,500,000 respectively.
- The Council has decided that the time has come to purchase its own premises in Central London and is now actively looking for suitable accommodation.
- Again this year, the Society's publishing activities have flourished both academically and financially, generating a surplus of £518,920.
- The Society received a generous bequest of more than £40,000 from the late Professor S. Verblunsky, Queen's

University, Belfast.

- Total expenditure on conferences and the various schemes to support research increased to £157,764 (almost doubling the expenditure in previous years).
- Further expenditure in support of the main objects of the Society also increased to £116,935 (last year £69,740).
- Total membership (including Institutional Members) increased to 2,444, the subscriptions received totalled £31,913.
- In spite of increased activities on all fronts, administrative costs decreased during the year.

I would again this year wish to express my thanks to Susan Oakes, the Society's Administrator, and her staff for their efficiency and unfailing support during the year.

It is my pleasure to recommend the Annual General Meeting

1. to approve the Society's Accounts for the financial year September 1st 1996 - August 31st 1997.
2. to re-appoint Messrs Fraser Russell, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for the financial year September 1st 1997 - August 31st 1998.

A.O. Morris
Treasurer

ANNUAL LMS SUBSCRIPTION

The Society is appreciative of those members who have paid their 1997/98 subscriptions. May we remind those who have not yet paid that subscriptions were due on 1 November 1997. Prompt payment ensures continuity of publications and avoids the need for time-consuming reminders. The Society reserves the right to discontinue the supply of periodicals and Newsletters to members whose subscription remains unpaid by 31 January 1998. The methods of payment are either by a sterling cheque drawn on a UK bank, a US\$ cheque drawn on a US bank, Direct Debit, Credit Card, Eurocheque quoting your card number on the reverse or by Giro. If you have misplaced your renewal of subscription form, contact the LMS office, e-mail: lms@lms.ac.uk; tel: 0171 437 5377; fax: 0171 439 4629.

EPSRC-LMS SHORT COURSE ON FUCHSIAN GROUPS

This course is being held at Lancaster University from 22 - 28 March 1998, mainly funded by EPSRC, but with a contribution from the LMS. It is intended to provide research students with the tools for their own investigations and to bring them together for the opportunity of discovering a common purpose. The lectures will be of an MSc standard and students from all areas of mathematics and mathematical physics will be encouraged to attend; no special knowledge will be assumed. The programme is organised by PM Neumann (Oxford) and consists of three 7-hour lecture courses.

Geometry and Topology Alan Beardon (Cambridge)

Hyperbolic geometry of the disc and half-plane. Matrices and Mobius maps, trace, conjugacy classes and geometric action. Discrete groups and discontinuous actions. Fundamental domains; basic properties. Cusps. Generators and relations from fundamental regions. Geometric constraints on Fuchsian groups. Quotient spaces. Riemann surfaces, the Uniformisation theorem.

Groups and Combinatorics Gareth Jones (Southampton)

Algebraic properties of Fuchsian groups (torsion, centralisers, normalisers). Automorphisms of quotient surfaces. Inclusions of Fuchsian groups, Riemann-Hurwitz formula. Automorphisms of compact Riemann surfaces. Triangle groups, Hurwitz groups. Modular group, congruence and non-congruence subgroups. Tessellations and maps associated with Fuchsian groups. Connections with Galois Theory (fields of meromorphic functions, Belyi's Theorem, Grothendieck dessins).

Number Theory and Modular Forms Richard Taylor, FRS (Harvard)

Congruence subgroups, modular curves as moduli spaces, cusp forms as differentials. Hecke operators. Petersson inner product and eigenforms. L-functions and statement of converse theorem. Examples. Elliptic curves and the Shimura-Taniyama conjecture. Serre's conjecture. Rationality questions and Heegner points or (depending on time) quaternion algebras and the Jacquet-Langlands theorem.

There will also be daily seminars, at which students can discuss the course material with an experienced tutor T.K. Carne (Cambridge) or David Singerman (Southampton).

Travel and accommodation charges will be paid for all EPSRC postgraduate students. Those who can find their own support will also be welcome. Further details and application forms are available from: John Gilbert, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YF (tel: 01524 593941, e-mail: j.gilbert@lancaster.ac.uk).

The class of '98

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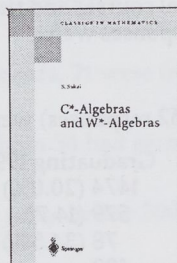
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*Bulletin of the American
Mathematical Society*



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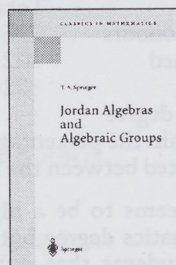
American Scientist

"The title of this book at once suggests comparison with the two volumes of Dixmier and the fact that one can seriously make this comparison indicates that it is a far more substantial work than others on this subject which have recently appeared"

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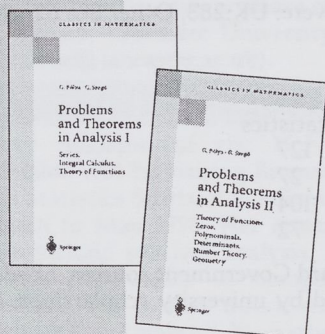
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REPORT ON THE 1997 LMS/HoDMS SURVEY

This year the questionnaire was presented in a new format. Although 66 responses were received, this is only a 50% response rate; some major departments did not reply. There was an increase in the number (46 rather than 26) of departments that had responded in two consecutive years, thus making comparisons easier to make. Unlike previous years, no distinction was made, in the analysis of the data, between 'Old' and 'New' universities; if there are clear differences in practice they seem to be mainly between universities with traditional courses and those with 'modular' courses. Some of the main features of the responses were:

1. Student Numbers

- Undergraduate numbers (from 62 responses) were:

	Total	Graduating 1996
Single honours	7750	1474 (20.0%)
Combined	4122	579 (14.7%)
HND	226	78 (34.5%)
General degree		103

[To obtain the percentages, the numbers graduating with a general degree have been distributed between the honours degrees.]

- There seems to be a high 'wastage' rate: those that enter intending to pursue a mathematics degree but do not complete the degree. Figures on the proportion of these students that qualify for another degree as opposed to those who fail to graduate, are difficult to obtain but the next survey may include relevant questions.
- A continuing drift away from single honours to combined honours degrees
- The bulk of service teaching remains in Engineering and Science. Figures from 62 responses were:

	Numbers of Students	% of time on Mathematics
Engineering	31,993	9.5
Computing	6,069	12.6
Other Science	17,963	13.6
Social Science	14,240	7.0
Others	10,880	7.9

- Postgraduate numbers remain steady
- Taught M.Sc. course numbers (from 65 responses) were: UK:283, Other EU: 62, Non EU: 65, Part time: 227
- Ph.D. student numbers (from 64 responses) were:

	Pure	Applied	Statistics
UK	192	335	127
Other EU	42	53	27
Non EU	75	126	104
Part time	15	58	72

Of these almost exactly half are funded from standard Government sources, EPSRC: 389 (44%) being the main source, 116 (13%) funded by university scholarships, 52 (6%) from industrial sources.

2. Staff Numbers

- Teaching/research staffing numbers (from 65 responses) were:

	Pure	Applied	Statistics
Permanent	369 / 8	567 / 37	384 / 10
Temporary	26 / 19	42 / 27	45 / 19
Outside Funds	1 / 41	24 / 111	10 / 69
Total	396 / 68	633 / 175	439 / 98
New in 95/96	18 / 18	43 / 33	32 / 27

Of the total of 171 new appointments, 21 were from other EU countries and 38 from non-EU countries.

Departing staff totalled 58 of whom 34 had permanent positions and 15 of the other 24 were non-UK nationals.

The number of staff expected to retire before 2001 are:

Pure: 36, Applied: 67, Statistics: 36.

Totals for support staff were:

248 Secretarial, 69 Computing Officers, 60 technicians and 8 others.

3. Library Resources

- 50 responded about library resources and their average expenditure was £29.6K per annum (£22.8K of this on journals).

Maths Reviews is the only reviewing journal taken by more than half the responding departments. Of 66 responders, 21 take it in hard copy only, 9 on CD-ROM and 9 have on-line access.

NORTH BRITISH FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS SEMINAR

A meeting of the North British Functional Analysis Seminar will be held at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne from 2.30 pm until 5.00 pm on Monday 2nd March 1998. The speaker will be Professor A.G. O'Farrell (Maynooth), who will lecture on 'Algebras of Smooth Functions'. For further information please contact Dr G. Blower, Lancaster University (e-mail: g.blower@lancaster.ac.uk).

VISIT OF PATTY SOLOMON

Patty Solomon of the University of Adelaide will be visiting Biomathematics and Statistics Scotland in Edinburgh from March to May 1998. Her research interests include survival analysis, AIDS research and topics in components of variance. For further information please contact Rob Kempton, Biomathematics & Statistics Scotland, University of Edinburgh (e-mail: rob@bioss.sari.ac.uk).

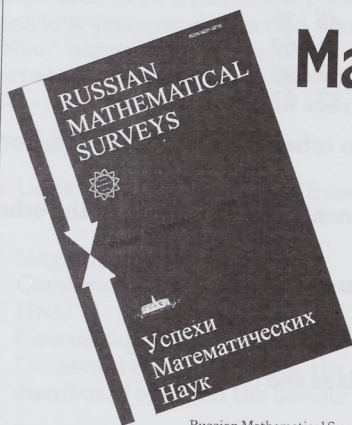
THE DYNAMICS OF SKEW PRODUCTS

The second meeting of the LMS Scheme 3 network "The dynamics of skew products" will take place at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Surrey on 23rd January 1998. For details please contact Dr P. Ashwin (p.ashwin@surrey.ac.uk).

VISIT OF DR M.K. MURRAY

Dr Michael Murray of the University of Adelaide will be visiting the University of Edinburgh for March, April and May 1998, as an EPSRC Visiting Fellow. His interests are in differential geometry and mathematical physics, and he is an expert on magnetic monopoles, gerbes and anomalies, and applications to statistics of differential geometry. For further information please contact Michael Singer, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Edinburgh (e-mail: michael@maths.ed.ac.uk).

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RESULTS OF THE 1997 LMS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the Scientific Societies' Lecture Theatre on Friday 21 November 1997, the following were elected to the Council of the Society: Professor J.M. Ball, FRS (President); Professor K.A. Brown, FRSE and Professor A.J. Macintyre, FRS (Vice-Presidents); Professor A.O. Morris (Treasurer); Professor J.S. Pym (Council and General Secretary); Dr D.J.H. Garling (Meetings and Membership Secretary); Professor E.C. Lance (Publications Secretary); Dr J.A. Erdos (Librarian); Professor U. Martin, Professor P.T. Saunders, Professor M.J. Taylor, FRS (Members-at-Large 1-year terms); Dr C.A. Hobbs, Professor M.A.H. MacCallum, Dr I.A. Stewart (Members-at-Large 2-year terms).

Dr R.J. Archbold, Dr A.G. Chetwynd, Professor F.C. Kirwan, Professor E.G. Rees, FRSE, Professor A.J. Scholl and Professor J.F. Toland are Members-at-Large whose terms expire in 1998.

ROYAL SOCIETY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are invited for about 12 University Research Fellowships in all branches of the natural sciences, including mathematics, tenable from 1 October 1998 (or later in the academic year 1998-99). Applicants must be citizens of the EU who are either currently employed in the UK or who, if not employed, have at some point been resident in the UK for a continuous period of three years other than for the sole purpose of receiving full-time education. Applicants should have a PhD or equivalent research experience, should be at least 26 but should not have passed their 40th birthday on 1 October 1998 and must have between two and seven years' postdoctoral experience by that date. Application forms and further information are available from the Research Appointments Department, The Royal

Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG (fax: 0171 930 2170; e-mail: ukresearch.appointments@royalsoc.ac.uk; WWW: <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk>). The closing date for applications is 23 January 1998. Application forms are not available after 9 January 1998 and applications arriving after 4 pm on 23 January will not be considered.

BRITISH WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS DAY

This will be held at Coventry University on 16 April 1998. The main speakers will be Sarah Rees (Newcastle) and Gillian Raab (Napier). Other lectures will be given by Sarah Whitehouse (Paris), Sharon Seddougui (Birmingham), Helen Wilson (Cambridge) and Patricia Dominguez (Imperial). There will also be a Panel Discussion. The meeting is open to all members of the mathematical public, and there will be a registration fee of £5. The meeting is supported by the LMS and there are some funds available to support women research students who wish to attend. For further details contact Helen Robinson, School of MIS, Coventry University, Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5FB or mtx057@coventry.ac.uk.

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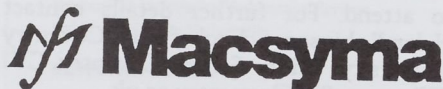
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The Council invites members of the Society to submit their views on possible candidates for the award of these Prizes confidentially in writing to any member of the Prizes Committee by 1 March 1998. In each case, nominations should contain explicit reference to the grounds on which the nomination is based. The Prizes Committee would particularly welcome suggestions of possible candidates for the award of the Senior Berwick Prize and the Junior Whitehead Prize(s), in view of the condition (explained below) concerning publication which applies to the former and the age condition which applies to the latter. Council reserves the right not to make an award in the event that no candidate of sufficient merit is recommended by the Prizes Committee for a particular Prize.

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J.S. Pym
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COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRA

There will be a Conference on Commutative Algebra in Honour of David Rees's 80th Year. This will take place at the University of Exeter during 13 - 16 August 1998, just before the 1998 International Congress of Mathematicians meets in Berlin. The organisers are P. Vámos (Exeter, local organiser) and R.Y. Sharp (Sheffield). Among those who have already accepted invitations to speak are C. Huneke (Purdue), D. Katz (Kansas), D. Kirby (Southampton), L. O'Carroll (Edinburgh), N.V. Trung (Hanoi), G. Valla (Genoa) and J.K. Verma (India). The conference is supported financially by a grant from the London Mathematical Society. This will be used to cover part of the costs of attendance by the invited speakers and some graduate students. Participants from developed countries will be expected to pay a registration fee of £35.

EWM WORKSHOP

A European Women in Mathematics Workshop on Moduli Spaces in Mathematics and Physics will be held in Oxford on 2 and 3 July 1998. Full details will be published in the next issue of the *Newsletter*; preliminary information can be obtained from Frances Kirwan (kirwan@maths.ox.ac.uk).

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I would like to express my gratitude to the London Mathematical Society for providing me with a grant to cover the teaching fee at the Landau Summer University (LSU). This was held at the Landau Institute in Chernogolovka.

Regarding practical aspects of travel there were no particular problems. Chernogolovka is about an hour away from

Moscow by car, but the Institute has its own bus and car, and all LSU participants were picked up at the airport on arrival and taken back to Moscow on departure. There are also regular buses (usually at least one every hour) between Chernogolovka and Schelkovskaya (at the end of one of the Moscow metro lines), which I used to make visits to Moscow at

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The standard of accommodation and catering for the LSU was generally pretty good. Like most of the participants, I had one of the best rooms in the Chernogolovka hotel, with a fridge, TV and telephone. There was a light breakfast in the Institute every morning, and lunches were in the canteen of the Institute of Chemical Physics; the latter took a bit of getting used to, but were mostly edible. In the evenings we had meals cooked for us in a private flat, and these were very good. Chernogolovka has a market nearly every day with fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as various shops and kiosks, and a few bars. However, there are no restaurants, so more sophisticated culinary needs can only be met in Moscow.

The academic programme of the LSU was excellent. The course of Mikhailov on soliton theory was particularly enjoyable for me, since although most of the material was familiar it gave me a different perspective on my doctoral research. Zakharov's course on algebraic geometry was also good, although it suffered slightly due to his ill-health towards the end; anyway I am now ready to tackle an advanced book on the subject and incorporate some of the techniques I have learnt into my future work. For me the most difficult and unfamiliar material that I absorbed was in the cosmology course of Starobinsky, although I found it absolutely fascinating and managed to pass the examination at the end. Three courses was the maximum that one could follow in the time available, as this meant about six hours of lectures every day; however, I also attended a couple of Pokrovsky's lectures. The examinations were optional and were not offered for every course, as they were really only essential for the Russian students who wished to do further research at the

Landau Institute.

Above all I am grateful that I had the chance to interact with the Russians, Germans, Italians, Japanese, Brazilians and Quebecois at the LSU. The atmosphere was very good and we had a lot of fun as well as sharing ideas and understanding. Russian science has clearly had to face enormous difficulties due to economic hardship, and the future remains uncertain; many of the people I spoke to were extremely pessimistic. Nevertheless, the standards of research and teaching at the Landau Institute are very high, and hopefully the money received from the LSU will help to ensure that these standards are maintained. Overall I would say that this LSU has been a great success, and if it benefits the Landau Institute then I hope it will become a regular feature.

Andrew Hone

AN AWARD

Professor Dusan Repovs has received the 1997 Award of the Republic of Slovenia for scientific work, the highest such honour in Slovenia. Professor Repovs holds a Chair in Geometry and Topology at the Faculty of Education in the University of Ljubljana and is the Head of the Topology Group at the Institute of Mathematics, Physics and Mechanics.

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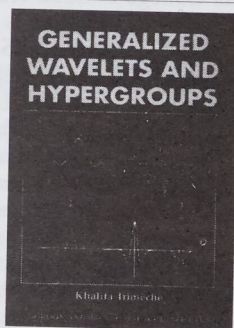
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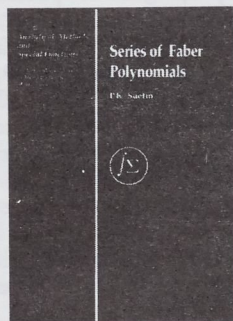
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The Adams Lectures are held annually at the University of Manchester in memory of Frank Adams. The 1998 Adams Lecturer is Professor Franklin P. Peterson of M.I.T., who will be visiting Manchester from 1 March to 30 April. The lectures will be held in the Mathematics Department, University of Manchester in March 1998. Further details of dates, times and topics of the lectures will be announced later. The local organisers are Reg Wood (reg@ma.man.ac.uk) and Grant Walker (grant@ma.man.ac.uk), and the lectures are sponsored by KPMG.

EMS SUMMER SCHOOLS Call for Proposals

The European Mathematical Society has launched its series of Summer Schools. The series is intended to include two schools a year, one in Pure Mathematics and one devoted to applications of Mathematics. With this activity the EMS wants to encourage young European mathematicians to meet and study together current developments in Mathematics and its applications. The EMS, through its Summer School Committee, will examine proposals for summer schools fully organized by other institutions. To meet the EMS requirements, each school should be at a pre-doctoral level, last from 2 to 3 weeks, and have about 100 participants, mainly graduate students or young mathematicians coming from several European countries. Costs of participation should be kept low and, if possible, grants should be available to people from countries which cannot afford any financial support. The EMS will guarantee its moral support to the selected schools, advertising within the European mathematical community, and will apply for funds to the summer school Programmes of the European Commission. Topics, which may be single or composite, sites, and organisers of the schools will vary each year.

The Society is now asking for proposals for the two 1999 summer schools. A proposal should in particular contain the topic (title and short description), names of lecturers, site, timing, costs, conditions for participants, name and address of the organizer. Proposals should be sent to: Professor G. Monegato, Dipartimento di Matematica, Politecnico di Torino, Corso Duca degli Abruzzi, 24, 10129 Torino, Italia; fax: 39-11-564.7599; e-mail: monegato@polito.it by 31 May 1998. Decision can be expected by the end of July.

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VISIT OF DR H. CRAUEL

Dr Hans Crauel (Technische Universität Berlin) will be visiting the UK in late January 1998, supported by an LMS scheme 2 grant. His research is in the area of random dynamical systems and uses probability theory, ergodic theory and analysis to understand attractors and other properties, with applications to stochastic differential equations and other such systems. He is intending to give lectures at the Universities of Warwick (21st January), Surrey (23rd January) and UMIST (27th January) or dates thereabouts. All members of the Society are welcome to attend these lectures. For more information, please contact Dr P. Ashwin (p.ashwin@surrey.ac.uk).

GALOIS REPRESENTATIONS IN ARITHMETIC GEOMETRY

A meeting on Galois Representations in Arithmetic Geometry will be held from 19-25 July 1998 at Anwgeia, Crete. The aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for discussing recent developments in the area of Galois representations and their connections with values of L-functions and modular forms. We are pleased to announce that D. Burns, T. Chinburg, K. Kato and T. Saito have already agreed to speak at the meeting. The EU and University of Crete have made some limited funds available for participants. Mathematicians who are interested in attending the meeting should contact one of the organisers: George Pappas (Princeton) e-mail: pappas@math.princeton.edu; or Martin Taylor (UMIST) e-mail: martin.taylor@umist.ac.uk

POSITIVITY IN APPLICATIONS

A meeting in memory of the late Professor Huijsmans will be held from 22 - 26 June 1998 at the Department of Mathematics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara Turkey. The following are definite speakers: L. Tzafriri, A.R. Schep, W. Luxemburg, R. Nagel, B.

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WHITEHEAD-CHAPMAN MEETING

A meeting devoted to the memory of Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947; Imperial College 1914-1924) and Sidney Chapman (1888-1970; Imperial College 1924-1946) will be held at Imperial College, London, on Thursday 29 January 1998, with the following programme.

- 4.00 - 4.50 Anne Barrett
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- 5.00 - 5.50 Walter Hayman
"Mathematics at Imperial College since 1956" (Clare Theatre, Huxley Building)
- 6.00 - 6.30 Coffee and Tea
(Foyer, Mechanical Engineering)
- 6.30 - 7.20 Philip Davis
"Mathematical Evidence" (A.N. Whitehead Lecture) (Theatre 220, Mechanical Engineering)
- 7.30 - 8.20 Paul Malliavin
"Differential Geometry and Stochastic Analysis on Riemannian Path Spaces" (S. Chapman Lecture) (Theatre 220, Mechanical Engineering)

The organizer is B. Zegarlinski. All are welcome to attend. Additional information can be obtained from e.rowley@ic.ac.uk (tel: 0171 594 8547; fax: 0171 594 8517) or from the internet (<http://icmp2000.ma.ic.ac.uk/MathHistory/>).

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