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COMPUTER ANIMATION AND THE GEOMETRY OF SURFACES IN 3- AND 4-SPACE

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THE 1978 WHITEHEAD LECTURE

ON THE LUSTERNIK-SCHNIRELMANN CATEGORY

Friday, 16 June, 1978, at 3 p.m.

Geological Society's Meeting Room, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0NL

Tea will be served at 4 p.m.

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#### DATES OF SOCIETY MEETINGS

Friday, 16 June 1978, Burlington House, Whitehead meeting.

Friday, 13 October 1978, Burlington House.

Friday, 17 November 1978, Burlington House, Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address.

Friday, 19 January 1979, Newcastle, Joint meeting with E.M.S.

Friday, 16 March 1979, Burlington House, Naylor Lecture. Friday, 18 May–Saturday, 19 May 1979, Birmingham.

Friday, 15 June 1979, Burlington House, Hardy Lecture.

London meetings will be held in the Geological Society's Rooms, Burlington House, Piccadilly. Council meetings will be held in conjunction with all the above meetings except that on 18 May 1979. Council will meet in London on 11 May 1979. D. B. SINGMASTER

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#### VISITING MATHEMATICIANS

The following mathematicians are expected to visit Britain. The list does not include names on the list in the September and December *Newsletters*. A new list will appear in September and the editor will be grateful to anyone sending him information concerning mathematicians visiting this country during the academic year 1978–79.

| Name               | Home University     | Visiting        | Date of Visit    |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| W. Brisley         | Newcastle, N.S.W.   | Oxford          | JanDec. 78       |
| N. Cameron         | Monash              | Strathclyde     | AugDec. 78       |
|                    |                     | Glasgow         | Jan.–April 79    |
| S. Debacker–Mathot | Louvain la Neuve    | Bedford, London | Oct. 77–Sept. 78 |
| J. E. Drummond     | Australian National | Aston           | Jan.–Dec. 78     |
| H. G. Herbert      | Western Australia   | Sheffield       | JanOct. 78       |
| A. W. Sudbury      | Monash              | Oxford          | July-Dec. 78     |
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#### **CONFERENCE ON COMPLEX APPROXIMATION**

A Conference on Complex Approximation will be held at the Université Laval, Québec on 3-8 July 1978. Lectures will be given by H. Alexander (Chicago Circle), B. Aupetit (Laval), J. Brennan (Kentucky), A.-M. Chollet (Paris-Sud), J.-P. Ferrier (Nancy), J. E. Fornaess (Princeton), W. H. Fuchs (Cornell), P. Gauthier (Montréal), L. A. Rubel (Illinois), J. A. Siddiqi (Laval), E.-L. Stout (Washington), B. M. Weinstock (Charlotte), J. Wermer (Brown).

Further details can be obtained from the Conference on Complex Approximation, Département de Mathematiques, Université Laval, Québec, G1K 7P4, Canada.

#### **BOLYAI JÁNOS MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY**

The Bolyai János Mathematical Society is organising the following colloquia in Hungary. Subject Dates Place

Topology

Algebraic methods in graph theory

Point processes in queuing theory

Mathematical logic in programming

7–12 August 1978 25–31 August 1978 4–8 September 1978 10–15 September 1978 Budapest Szeged Keszthely Debrecan

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society, 1368 Budapest, P.O.B. 240, Hungary.

#### ADVANCED STUDY IN RING THEORY

A N.A.T.O. advanced study institute on rings with polynomial identity and recent developments in ring theory will be held at the University of Antwerp, on 1-13 August 1978. Speakers will include A. Amitsur, M. Artin, M. Auslander, G. Bergman, G. Cauchon, P. Gabriel, C. Faith, J. Golan, A. Goldie, R. Gordon, I. Herstein, B. Kharchenco, G. Michler, B. Mueller, C. Processi, Y. Rasmyslov, G. Ringel, J. C. Robson, L. Small and F. Van Oystaeyen. Further details can be obtained from F. Van Oystaeyen, University of Antwerp, Department of Mathematics, Universiteits plein 1, 2610 Wilrijk, Belgium.

#### COLLOQUIUM ON AUTOMATA, LANGUAGES AND PROGRAMMING

The Fifth International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming sponsored by the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science will be held on 17–21 July 1978 at Udine, Italy. Topics are expected to include formal languages and automata theory, analysis and complexity of algorithms, semantics of programming languages and data bases, formal systems and models of data organisation and computation. Further details can be obtained from A. Petorossi, CSSCCA-CNR, Instituto di Automatica, Via Eudossiana, 18 Roma, Italy.

#### AUSTRALIAN COMBINATORIAL CONFERENCE

The Sixth Australian Conference on Combinatorial Mathematics will be held on 29 August-1 September in Armidale, New South Wales. Further details can be obtained from A. F. Horadam, Department of Mathematics, University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales.

## **Combinatorial Surveys**

Proceedings of the Sixth British Combinatorial Conference

### edited by P. J. Cameron 1977, viii+226 pp., \$7 \cdot 00 /\$13 \cdot 65 0.12.157150.5

Seven of the principal papers delivered at the Sixth British Combinatorial Conference in July 1977 are presented here. Each contributor has examined a particular area, resulting in a comprehensive survey of contemporary combinatorial theory. The articles combine reference material with the findings of recent research, many of which are hitherto unpublished. The prevailing themes designs, graphs, matroids and projective space—demonstrate the unity of the subject, while its diversity is displayed by the inclusion of such topics as campanology, the golden ratio, parallelism, root systems and Ramanujan numbers.

The book will certainly enhance participants' appreciation of the proceedings of the Sixth British Combinatorial Conference. Moreover, the fact that it is both a reference book and a collection of research reports will increase its value for researchers in combinatorial theory and for mathematicians in such related areas as topology and group theory, interested in recent developments in combinatories.

#### Contents:

F. Buekenhout, What is a subspace?

- P. J. Cameron, Extensions of designs: variations on a theme
- L. Lovász, Flats in matroids and geometric graphs
- D. K. Ray-Chaudhuri, Combinatorial characterization theorems for geometric incidence structures

N. J. A. Sloane, Binary codes, lattices and sphere-packings

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