

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF  
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

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***Belfast Functional Analysis Day 2003***  
**Queen's University Belfast**  
**15 November 2003**

The sixth annual Belfast Functional Analysis Day (BFAD2003) will be held on Saturday, 15 November 2003 in the Department of Pure Mathematics of Queen's University Belfast. It is organised by Martin Mathieu and Anthony W. Wickstead as in the previous years.

The main speaker will be

Professor Raúl E. Curto, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA  
who will deliver two one-hour lectures on

*“Hyponormality,  $k$ -hyponormality, and subnormality  
for Toeplitz operators and unilateral weighted shifts”.*

There also will be about seven contributed 30-min talks by the participants.

The meeting is supported by the London Mathematical Society, in particular to support graduate students in their attendance. Therefore we strongly encourage research students who may be interested in participating to contact the organisers as early as possible. The meeting is also part of the EC Network “Analysis and Operators” and thus members of the network may be eligible for support for their attendance (please check with your local co-ordinator).

Full information on BFAD2003 is available at  
<http://www.qub.ac.uk/bfad/>

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***56th British Mathematical Colloquium and  
17th Annual Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society***  
**Queen's University Belfast**  
**5–8 April 2004**

The 56th British Mathematical Colloquium and the 17th Annual Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society (BMC2004) will be held jointly at the Department of Pure Mathematics of Queen's University Belfast, April 5-8 2004.

The Plenary Speakers will be

Alexander Kechris (Pasadena)  
Samuel Patterson (Göttingen)  
Gilles Pisier (Paris)  
Claudio Procesi (Rome)  
Günter Ziegler (Berlin)  
Efim Zelmanov (San Diego)

There will be Special Sessions on *Noncommutative Functional Analysis* and on *Combinatorics*. As is tradition, there will be Splinter Groups in a vast variety of mathematical disciplines, but a novelty will be a special 'Student Day' on Monday, 5th.

All information will be available at

[www.qub.ac.uk/bmc2004](http://www.qub.ac.uk/bmc2004)

in due course.

The Organising Committee of BMC2004 consists of: Dr Martin Mathieu (Chair), Prof David Armitage (Secretary), Dr Lorenz Halbeisen (Treasurer). We gratefully acknowledge the financial support BMC2004 receives from the London Mathematical Society and the Irish Mathematical Society.

*Von Neumann Centennial Conference*  
*Linear Operators and Foundations of Quantum Mechanics*  
**Budapest, Hungary**  
**15–20 October 2003**

The conference is devoted to linear operators and the mathematical foundations of quantum mechanics, the program includes many topics such as linear operators, in particular unbounded and Schrödinger operators and their role in mathematical physics; stochastic aspects of quantum mechanics, for example probability and statistics in the Hilbert space formalism, quantum information theory and quantum entropy; algebras of operators, von Neumann algebras and applications in quantum statistical mechanics and in field theory; the logical approach to quantum theory, quantum logics, non-commutative probability and quantum structure.

The organizer of the conference is the János Bolyai Mathematical Society with the cooperation with the Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics.

There is a long list of main speakers which, together with all relevant information, can be found at

<http://www.math.bme.hu/~vonneumann/>