

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

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Duality and Involutions in Representation Theory

NUI Maynooth

August 19–22, 2008

The conference “Duality and Involutions in Representation Theory” will be held at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth from August 19–22, 2008. The conference will focus on the representation theory of finite groups.

The conference topic should be interpreted loosely. We welcome participation from mathematicians working, e.g., on ‘classical’ Brauer block theory, the theory of algebras, character theory, structure of finite groups, representations of Lie groups, Hecke algebras, combinatorial representation theory, cohomology and invariant theory, integral representation theory and the theory of lattices and orders.

The organisers are Dr. John Murray, NUI Maynooth; Professor Rod Gow, University College Dublin; and Dr. Rachel Quinlan, NUI Galway.

Full information on registration and a list of participants are available at

<http://www2.maths.nuim.ie/conference/>

***Instructional Workshop on
Subfactors and Planar Algebras***
Queen's University Belfast
August 26–28, 2008

The work of Vaughan Jones in the late 1980's once again revolutionised the theory of von Neumann algebras. The study of subfactors emerging from it took various directions; in particular their structure theory became extremely important, also for other branches of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics. The so-called 'planar algebras' introduced by Jones and Bisch, which also play a role in Free Probability Theory, appear to be particularly useful constructs.

The purpose of this three-day Instructional Workshop is to provide a forum for information on the latest developments in this highly specialised and vibrant area of Mathematics. The core activity will be six one-hour lectures delivered by Prof Dietmar Bisch, Vanderbilt (on the first afternoon and the mornings of the following two days). The afternoons of the second and third day shall be used for informal discussions or shorter talks by either advanced PhD students or other researchers in the field of von Neumann algebras.

This workshop is organised by Dr Martin Mathieu and supported by the School of Mathematics and Physics, the Irish Mathematical Society and the London Mathematical Society. Graduate students studying in the RoI or the UK can be supported; for details please contact m.m@qub.ac.uk

Further information will be posted on the conference website

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/Conferences/Conferences.html>

Irish Mathematical Society 21st September Meeting 2008
Cork Institute of Technology
September 1–2, 2008

The next IMS September meeting will be held at Cork Institute of Technology on Monday and Tuesday, the 1st and 2nd of September. It is organised by Shane O'Rourke.

For more information please see

<http://www.maths.tcd.ie/pub/ims/meetings/index.php>