

EDITORIAL

The Society celebrated its fortieth anniversary this year with a special ‘September’ (i.e. annual scientific, as opposed to business) meeting held in TCD. The anniversary was further marked at the AGM in December. Professor Pavel Exner, EMS President wrote as follows on 27 November:

it has not escaped the EMS attention that in about three weeks you are going to celebrate a rounded anniversary of your society’s first meeting, and I want to congratulate you to this birthday gathering on behalf of your larger mathematical family. Forty is a good age, you are older than the EMS itself but much younger than some of its constituents, in short, a golden age when one is typically full of strength. Ireland has its firm place on the mathematical map of Europe to mention just one example, everybody remembers the plaque on the Broom Bridge and I have no doubts that inspiration will keep coming from your country also in the future.

The 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at Sligo Institute of Technology, and the 2018 meeting will be held at UCD.

A very large conference on Mathematics Education will take place shortly, at Croke Park from 1–5 February. It is the Tenth Congress of the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (CERME), hosted by the Institute of Education, Dublin City University, and organised by Maurice O’Reilly and and Therese Dooley, See <http://cerme10.org/>.

Members may be interested in a recent statement issued by the American Statistical Association that attempts to fight back against the widespread abuse of p -values in applied work involving statistics. See <http://www.amstat.org/asa/files/pdfs/P-ValueStatement.pdf> and <http://amstat.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00031305.2016.1154108>.

About 10% of the membership have given notice that they no longer require the hard-copy version of the Bulletin, and this has resulted in some cost-saving on printing and postage. If you are

content with online-only access to the Bulletin, please notify the Treasurer at <mailto:\subscriptions.ims@gmail.com>. Note that the online version includes all graphics and images in full colour, whereas these are printed in grayscale in the hard copy.

A couple of our exchange partners have terminated the exchange of hard-copy periodicals and continue on an electronic-only basis. These include the University of Bari, the Mediterranean Journal of Mathematics, and the Austrian Mathematical Society. Members who wish to access electronic exchange resources should contact Anthony Waldron at admin@maths.nuim.ie. Mr Waldron kindly manages exchange correspondence for us.

The Annals of Irish Mathematics continue at full steam. Colm Mulcahy has produced a second calendar, and blogs monthly. See <http://www.mathsireland.ie/> for these and other matters related to the enormously-successful annual Maths Week.

Links for Postgraduate Study

The following are the links provided by Irish Schools for prospective research students in Mathematics:

DCU: (Olaf Menkens)

http://www.dcu.ie/info/staff_member.php?id_no=2659

DIT: <mailto://chris.hills@dit.ie>

NUIG: <mailto://james.cruickshank@nuigalway.ie>

NUIM: <http://www.maths.nuim.ie/pghowtoapply>

QUB: http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/Funded_PG_2016.html

TCD: <http://www.maths.tcd.ie/postgraduate/>

UCD: <mailto://nuria.garcia@ucd.ie>

UU: <http://www.compeng.ulster.ac.uk/rgs/>

The remaining schools with Ph.D. programmes in Mathematics are invited to send their preferred link to the editor, a url that works. All links are live, and hence may be accessed by a click, in the electronic edition of this Bulletin¹.

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