



AustMS

AustMS Accreditation

The secretary has announced the accreditation of:

Dr Ejanul Haque of RMIT University as an Accredited Member (MAustMS).

AustMS Special Interest Meeting Grants: call for applications

The Australian Mathematical Society sponsors Special Interest Meetings on specialist topics at diverse geographical locations around Australia. This activity is seen as a means of generating a stronger professional profile for the Society within the Australian mathematical community, and of stimulating better communication between mathematicians with similar interests who are scattered throughout the country.

These grants are intended for once-off meetings and not for regular meetings. Such meetings with a large student involvement are encouraged. If it is intended to hold regular meetings on a specific subject area, the organisers should consider forming a Special Interest Group of the Society. If there is widespread interest in a subject area, there is also the mechanism for forming a Division within the Society.

The rules governing the approval of grants are:

- (a) each Special Interest Meeting must be clearly advertised as an activity supported by the Australian Mathematical Society;
- (b) the organizer must be a member of the Society;
- (c) the meeting must be open to all members of the Society;
- (d) registration fees should be charged, with at least a 20% reduction for members of the Society. A further reduction should be made for members of the Society who pay the reduced rate subscription (i.e. research students, those not in full time employment and retired members);
- (e) a financial statement must be submitted on completion of the Meeting;
- (f) any profits up to the value of the grant are to be returned to the Australian Mathematical Society;
- (g) on completion, a Meeting Report should be prepared, in a form suitable for publication in the Australian Mathematical Society *Gazette*, and sent to the Secretary;
- (h) a list of those attending and a copy of the conference Proceedings (if applicable) must be submitted to the Society;
- (i) only in exceptional circumstances will support be provided near the time of the Annual Conference for a Special Interest Meeting being held in another city.

In its consideration of applications, Council will take into account locations around Australia of the various mathematical meetings during the period in question. Preference will be given to Meetings of at least two days duration. The maximum allocation for any one Meeting will be $\$(1,000 + 150n)$ where n is the number of AustMS members registered for and

attending the meeting, and with an upper limit of about \$5,000. A total of up to \$12,000 is available in 2007. There will be six-monthly calls for applications for Special Interest Meeting Grants, each to cover a period of eighteen months commencing six months after consideration of applications. Please email Secretary@austms.org.au for an application form.

Elizabeth J. Billington
AustMS Secretary

Nominations sought for the 2007 AustMS Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2007 Australian Mathematical Society Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal. This is one of two Medals awarded by the Society, the other being the George Szekeres Medal, which is awarded in even numbered years. The Australian Mathematical Society Medal will be awarded to a member of the Society for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences. Council have recently resolved that the age limit of 40 on 1st January 2007 may be relaxed in some circumstances; see rule (i) below.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2007 Medal Committee, Professor W.W.L. Chen, Department of Mathematics, Macquarie University, NSW 2109, (wchen@maths.mq.edu.au). Nominations should be received by 28th February 2007.

The other three members of the 2007 Medal Committee are Professor A. McIntosh (Outgoing Chair), Professor H. Possingham (Incoming Chair) and Professor M. Varghese (one year).

A list of past AustMS Medal winners appears at <http://www.austms.org.au/AMSInfo/medal.html>.

Rules for the Australian Mathematical Society Medal

- (1) There shall be a Medal known as “The Australian Mathematical Society Medal”.
- (2)
 - (i) This will be awarded annually to a Member of the Society, under the age of 40 on 1st January of the year in which the Medal is awarded, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences. *The AustMS Medal Committee may, in cases where there have been significant interruptions to a mathematical career, waive this age limit by normally up to five years.*
 - (ii) A significant proportion of the research work should have been carried out in Australia.
 - (iii) In order to be eligible, a nominee for the Medal has to have been a member of the Society for the calendar year preceding the year of the award; back dating of membership to the previous year is not acceptable.
- (3) The award will be approved by the President on behalf of the Council of the Society on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed by the Council.
- (4) The Selection Committee shall consist of 3 persons each appointed for a period of 3 years and known as “Incoming Chair”, “Chair” and “Outgoing Chair” respectively, together with a fourth person appointed each year for one year only.
- (5) The Selection Committee will consult with appropriate assessors.
- (6) The award of the Medal shall be recorded in one of the Society’s Journals along with the citation and photograph.

- (7) The Selection Committee shall also prepare an additional citation in a form suitable for newspaper publication. This is to be embargoed until the Medal winner has been announced to the Society.
- (8) One Medal shall be awarded each year, unless either no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Medal shall be awarded; or there is more than one candidate of equal (and sufficient) merit, in which case the committee can recommend the award of at most two Medals.

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