

2004 B.H. Neumann Awards

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The Board of the Australian Mathematics Trust has announced 3 B.H. Neumann Awards for 2004. These are awarded to mathematics educators who have made outstanding contributions to the enrichment of mathematics learning in Australia. There is a maximum of 3 such awards which can be made in a particular year. The 2004 awardees are

Prof. Tony Guttman, Melbourne



Tony is a very well-known Australian mathematician, having worked well beyond his normal brief as a Professor to promote mathematics. He has for approximately 15 years run the Melbourne University Mathematics Competition which attracts several thousand entries each year. This event, formerly one of those sponsored in various states by IBM, is virtually a Victorian Olympiad.

Tony is active in many other ways having proactively recruited and nurtured promising students as his PhD students. He has been active professionally with the Australian Mathematics Society and is one of three people without whom the new Australian mathematical Sciences Institute would not have got off the ground.

Ms Anna Nakos, Adelaide



Anna is a Deputy Principal at Temple Christian School, Adelaide. She holds an honours degree in Mathematics and a Dip Ed and is certainly one of the best qualified mathematics teachers in the country. She has been an active and strongly contributing member of the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians Problems Committee for 10 years. She now holds another significant position in the Trust, taking over as State Director for South Australia of the Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards in 2003.

Dr Jamie Simpson, Perth



Jamie is an Associate Professor in Pure Mathematics at the Curtin University of Technology. He holds a PhD in Pure Mathematics from the University of Adelaide. For ten years he has run a Friday night club of invited elite students from the Perth region. This club participates in the International Mathematics Tournament of Towns.

For the past four years Jamie has also been a member of the AMOC Senior Problems Committee.