



AMS bulletin board

AustMS Accreditation

The secretary has announced the accreditation of:

Professor Robert Bartnik, Monash University, as an Accredited Fellow (FAustMS).

Dr Argenes Siburian, Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus, Malaysia, as an Accredited Member (MAustMS).

The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc) rules for Special Interest Meetings

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 both a large student involvement and a large number of AustMS members amongst the participants 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 a substantial 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*;
- (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 in 2006 will be up to $\$(1000 + 150n)$, where n is the number of AustMS members registered for and attending the meeting with an upper limit of about \$5000.

In 2006 a total of up to \$12 000 is available for Special Interest Meetings. 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.

An application for a grant should be made on the form available from the Secretary, Elizabeth J. Billington.

[Last approved by Council, 2005.]

Nominations sought for the 2006 AustMS Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2006 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, who is under 40 years of age on 1st January 2006, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2006 Medal Committee, Professor A. McIntosh, School of Mathematical Sciences, ANU, Canberra, ACT 0200, (Alan.McIntosh@maths.anu.edu.au), or else the Outgoing Chair, Professor A.J. Bracken (ajb@maths.uq.edu.au). Nominations should be received by 28th February 2006.

The other two members of the 2006 Medal Committee are Professor W. Chen (Incoming Chair) and Professor P. Broadbridge (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.
 - (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.

Elizabeth J. Billington
Hon. Sec., AustMS

Nominations sought for the George Szekeres Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2006 George Szekeres Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal. This is one of two prestigious Medals awarded by the Society, the other being the Australian Mathematical Society Medal. The George Szekeres Medal is awarded for outstanding research achievement in a 15 year period for work done substantially in Australia. It is awarded only in even numbered years.

Nominations, to be sent to the Committee Chair, should include: (a) an extended citation, not more than two pages in length, arguing the case for awarding the Medal to the nominee; (b) a shorter citation, of not more than 100 words, which may be used to report the candidate’s achievements in the event that the nomination is successful; (c) a full list of publications of the candidate, with the most significant (up to a maximum of 20) marked by an asterisk; (d) a curriculum vitae of the candidate’s professional career, highlighting any achievements which add support to the nomination; and (e) the names of between three and six suitable referees, along with a brief statement as to their appropriateness.

Nominations close on **31 March 2006**.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2006 George Szekeres Medal Committee, Professor Ian Sloan, School of Mathematics, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW 2052, (Email: i.sloan@unsw.edu.au)

Other members of the 2006 George Szekeres Medal Committee are:

Professor G. Huisken, Dr R.S. Anderssen and Professor V. Jones.

The inaugural George Szekeres Medal in 2002 was awarded to Professor Ian Sloan *FAA FAustMS* and to Professor Alf van der Poorten *AM FAustMS*. The recipient in 2004 was Dr R.S. Anderssen *FAustMS*.

Rules for the George Szekeres Medal of the AustMS

1. The award is for a mathematical scientist active in research who is a member of the Australian Mathematical Society and normally resident in Australia.
2. The Medal may, in exceptional circumstances, be shared by at most two candidates.
3. The Medal is awarded every two years.
4. The award is for a sustained outstanding contribution to research in the mathematical sciences in the 15 years prior to the year of award. The candidate should have been resident in Australia when the bulk of the work was completed.
5. (i) The George Szekeres Medal cannot be awarded to the same person on more than one occasion.
(ii) The George Szekeres Medal can be awarded to a recipient of the Australian Mathematical Society Medal, provided that the sustained outstanding contribution to research in Rule 4 is subsequent to the work for which the Australian Mathematical Society Medal was awarded.
6. Normally the successful candidate will have an excellent record of promoting and supporting the discipline, through activities such as extensive graduate student supervision, outstanding contributions to leadership in the Australian Mathematical Society, or other activities which have materially promoted the mathematical sciences discipline within Australia.

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