



# AustMS

## AustMS Membership

Late last year Council resolved that free membership be offered to Members over 70 years of age who have been members of the Society for over 30 years.

So encourage your colleagues to join the Society well before their 40th birthday!

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## Honorary International Fellowship of AustMS

Late last year the Council of the Society voted to introduce the possibility of granting Honorary International Fellowship (FAustMS) to illustrious Australian mathematicians, or mathematicians with substantial links to Australia, who are based in other countries. The Rules for this appear below. In accordance with Rules 4 a) and b), I hereby call for nominations. These should be sent electronically to [Secretary@austms.org.au](mailto:Secretary@austms.org.au) by Friday 16th June 2006 at the latest.

### Rules for Honorary International Fellowship of the Australian Mathematical Society

- (1) From time to time, the Society may offer Fellowship (without requiring the payment of accreditation fees) to distinguished international mathematical scientists. In the rest of these rules, such persons are called Honorary International Fellows, but apart from the method by which they are chosen, they are the same as other Fellows of the Society. The total number of Honorary International Fellows shall be no more than 10 per cent of the total number of Fellows of the Society, and also no more than 2 per cent of the number of Ordinary Members of the Society.
- (2) To be eligible for consideration for Honorary International Fellowship, mathematical scientists must, in the preceding three years, have been members of the Society, and not have been resident in Australia (except for short visits). Further, they must have a strong association with Australian mathematics, such as
  - a) hold a degree with a strong mathematical component from an Australian university,  
or
  - b) have worked in a mathematical role in Australia for at least three years.
- (3) Honorary International Fellows will be recognised internationally as leaders in their fields, and have been awarded notable distinctions such as
  - a) international prizes for research in any of the mathematical sciences that have been awarded to citizens and residents of several countries; these include the Abel Prize,

the Bôcher Memorial Prize, the Clay Mathematics Institute's Millenium Prize, the Clay Research Award, the Cole Prize, the Euler Medal, the Fields Medal, the Fulkerson Prize, the George Pólya Prize, the John von Neumann Theory Prize, the Lobachevsky International Prize, the Loeve Prize, the Modesto Panetti Prize, the Nevanlinna Prize, the Norbert Wiener Prize in Applied Mathematics, the Salem Prize, the Schock Prize in Mathematics, the Steele Prize, the Theodore von Kármán Prize, and the Wolf Prize in Mathematics (this list is not exhaustive, and does not cover all awards and all of the mathematical sciences);

- b) fellowship of learned academies that include citizens of several countries.
- (4) The process for nomination is as follows:
- a) If the number of Honorary International Fellows does not exceed the limit specified above, then the Secretary will publish a call for nominations in the *Gazette* approximately six months before the Annual Meeting.
  - b) Two or more Australia-based Fellows of the Society may prepare an electronic nomination of at most three pages in length, which addresses the criteria above, and submit this to the Secretary. The nominee must agree to her or his nomination, and to attend an Annual Meeting of the Society if the nomination is successful.
  - c) Three months before the Annual Meeting, the Secretary sends copies of all nominations to the members of the Accreditation Committee, who verify that the proposed Honorary International Fellows meet the criteria for Fellowship.
  - d) Six weeks before the Annual Meeting, the Secretary circulates the eligible nominations to the members of the Steering Committee, together with any relevant commentary from the Accreditation Committee. In the following two weeks, the members of the Steering Committee may vote for at most one candidate each, taking into account the quality of the nominees, and the desirability that a range of mathematical disciplines is represented. The vote is by email to the Secretary. Four weeks before the Annual Meeting, the Secretary informs all members of the Steering Committee who has voted for whom. If no candidate has at least three votes, no nomination will go forward, and if the number of votes for two candidates (or more) is the same, the President has a casting vote.
  - e) The candidate chosen by Steering Committee is presented to Council at the Council meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, for ratification: the President communicates the name of the candidate and outlines the case for Fellowship, and Council then votes whether to offer Fellowship to the candidate, or not.

All nominations remain confidential. Nominations are not carried forward from one year to the next. However, renomination is permitted, up to a total of five times.

- (5) The selected candidate will be invited to give a Plenary Address at a future Annual Meeting, and Fellowship will be awarded at the Meeting in which the address is given.

*Note: In the event that an international Fellow returns to Australia, he/she is then deemed an Australian Fellow for the purposes of the count in item 1 above.*

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