

SIAM names Fellows for key contributions to applied mathematics and computational science

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The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) has announced the SIAM Fellows Class of 2009 and the inauguration of the SIAM Fellows Program. Fellowship is an honorific designation conferred on members distinguished for their outstanding contributions to the fields of applied mathematics and computational science. During this inaugural year of the program, SIAM will confer Fellows status on 183 noteworthy professionals who will be recognised during the 2009 SIAM Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Seven Australian mathematicians are among those honoured with this award in 2009: Michael Barber, Richard Brent, Tony Guttman, David Hill, Peter Kloeden, Michael Osborne and Ian Sloan. SIAM President Douglas N. Arnold said that the announcement of the first class of SIAM Fellows was an important milestone for the applied mathematics and computational science community. He continued:

Reflecting the diversity of the SIAM membership, these men and women come from five continents, and work in academia, industry, and government laboratories. Advancing the frontiers of research in branches of mathematics as distinct as number theory and partial differential equations, these professionals have applied their work to endeavors ranging from mining to medicine. They have designed algorithms to make computing possible and written textbooks to train the next generation of mathematicians. Their contributions are truly outstanding.

The goals of the SIAM Fellows Program are:

- to honour SIAM members who are recognised by their peers as distinguished for their contributions to the discipline;
- to help make outstanding SIAM members more competitive for awards and honours when they are being compared with colleagues from other disciplines;
- to support the advancement of SIAM members to leadership positions in their own institutions and in the broader society.

Following 2009, the anticipated number of fellowships conferred annually will be approximately 0.3 percent of the number of regular SIAM members. For additional information about the SIAM Fellows Program and for nomination information, see <http://www.siam.org/prizes/fellows/index.php>.

Newly announced 2009 SIAM Fellows and their affiliations at the time of designation can be found at <http://fellows.siam.org>.

Congratulations to the seven recipients on this outstanding achievement.

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