



## Some items from the recent AustMS AGM and Council meetings

The 53rd annual meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society was recently held at the University of South Australia at its City West Campus in North Terrace, Adelaide. Congratulations go to the Director Associate Professor Vladimir Ejov and all his helpers for a most successful conference — our largest ever of the ‘normal’ annual meetings.

Those Society members who were unable to attend the AGM, which was held on Wednesday 30 September 2009, may be interested in the following items.

- (1) The new Council for the session 2010–2011 will be on the AustMS web pages at <http://www.austms.org.au/Office+bearers>.
- (2) The 2010 Bernhard Neumann Prize was awarded to Samuel Cohen of the University of Adelaide for his talk entitled *Dynamic risk measures and nonlinear expectations with Markov chain noise*.

Honourable mentions were also awarded to Michael Pauley (the University of Western Australia), Neil Saunders (the University of Sydney), Melissa Tacy (the Australian National University) and Dan Turetsky (Victoria University, New Zealand).

Many thanks to Dr Andrew Francis who was Chair of the B.H. Neumann Student Prize Committee, and all the Committee members.

- (3) The Australian Mathematical Society is becoming a sustaining Association Member of AMSI.
- (4) The Society’s 54th Annual Meeting is being held at the University of Queensland, on its St Lucia campus by the Brisbane River, from Monday 27 September to Thursday 30 September 2010, with Professor S. Ole Warnaar as Director. See <http://www.smp.uq.edu.au/austms2010/>.
- (5) The Society’s 55th Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Wollongong in the week starting 26 September 2011, with Associate Professor David Pask as Director.
- (6) In 2010 an Early Career Workshop will be held just prior to the 54th Annual Meeting, at a nearby location probably to the south of Brisbane near the Gold Coast. Contact people are Dr Stephan Tillmann ([tillmann@maths.uq.edu.au](mailto:tillmann@maths.uq.edu.au)), Dr Bronwyn Hajek ([Bronwyn.Hajek@unisa.edu.au](mailto:Bronwyn.Hajek@unisa.edu.au)) and Dr Anthony Henderson ([anthonyh@maths.usyd.edu.au](mailto:anthonyh@maths.usyd.edu.au)).
- (7) The amount available for Special Interest Meeting Grants in 2010 remains at \$20 000. The form for applications is being redesigned.
- (8) A student representative has been elected by the students to attend Council meetings as an observer. This year Wendy Baratta from the University of Melbourne was selected as the student representative.

- (9) In 2010 the support available for students to attend the Society's annual conference will be up to \$350 per student, provided students are Society members, presenting a talk, and are from outside Brisbane. A form, which must be completed and submitted at least two weeks before the start of the annual conference, is available from the Secretary.

In 2011 this amount will increase to a maximum of \$400 per student.

- (10) The *ANZIAM Journal* has a new Editor-in-Chief from January 2010. Charles Pearce is stepping down after many years of wonderful service, and Andrew Bassom is taking on this position.
- (11) The *Gazette* is also losing its wonderful Editors, Birgit Loch and Rachel Thomas, to whom many thanks are due! The new Editors in 2010 will be Amie Albrecht and Kevin White from the University of South Australia.

This is my last notice as Secretary of the Society; I leave things in the most capable hands of Peter Stacey from La Trobe University. I have enjoyed my eight years as Secretary, and I record again my thanks to everyone with whom I have worked.

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