AustMS Accreditation

The secretary has announced the accreditation of:

- Associate Professor Peter Stacey of La Trobe University as an Accredited Fellow (FAustMS);
- Dr Guillermo Pineda-Villavicencio of the University of Ballarat, and Dr Julien Ugon of the University of Ballarat, as Accredited Members (MAustMS);
- Mr Don Coutts of the Canberra Institute of Technology as an Accredited Member (MAustMS).

Nominations sought for the 2010 AustMS Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2010 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 for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2010 Medal Committee, Professor B.D. McKay, Department of Computer Science, ANU, ACT 0200 (bdm@cs.anu.edu.au). Nominations should be received by 1 June 2010.

The other three members of the 2010 Medal Committee are Professor A. Ram (Outgoing Chair), Professor B. Andrews (Incoming Chair) and Professor F. Sukochev (one year).

Visit http://www.austms.org.au/AMSInfo/medal.html for a list of past AustMS Medal winners.

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 1 January of the year in which the Medal is awarded, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences. The AustMS Medal Committee may, in cases where there have been significant interruptions to a mathematical career, waive this age limit by normally up to five years.

    (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; backdating 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 three persons each appointed for a period of three 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.

Nominations sought for the George Szekeres Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2010 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 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 May 2010.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2010 George Szekeres Medal Committee, Dr F. de Hoog, email: Frank.deHoog@csiro.au.

Other members of the 2010 George Szekeres Medal Committee are: Professor A.J. Guttmann, Professor J. Coates and Professor M.G. Cowling.

The inaugural George Szekeres Medal in 2002 was awarded to Professor Ian Sloan *AO FAA FAustMS* and to Professor Alf van der Poorten *AM FAustMS*. The recipient in 2004 was Dr R.S. Anderssen *FAustMS*, in 2006 was Professor A.J. Guttmann *FAA FAustMS* and in 2008 was Professor J.H. Rubinstein *FAA FAustMS*.

Rules for the George Szekeres Medal of the AustMS

1. The award is for a mathematical scientist 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. (i) The award is for a sustained outstanding contribution to research in the mathematical sciences. The candidate should have been resident in Australia when the bulk of the work was completed.
   (ii) 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.
5. (i) 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(i) is subsequent to the work for which the Australian Mathematical Society Medal was awarded.
   (ii) The George Szekeres Medal cannot be awarded to the same person on more than one occasion.

Honorary Fellows: call for nominations

In the *Gazette* Vol. 33 No. 1, March 2006, pp. 69–70, the Rules for Honorary International Fellowship of the Australian Mathematical Society are listed. (See also www.austms.org.au/Publ/Gazette/2006/Mar06/austmsnews.pdf.)

In accordance with Rule 4(a) I hereby call for nominations. These should be sent electronically to secretary@austms.org.au before the end of August 2010.

AustMS Special Interest Meetings: call for applications

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 a large student involvement 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 organiser 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 at least a 20% 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. student members, 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*, and sent to the Secretary;
(h) a list of those attending, their AustMS membership status, 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.
(j) the meeting should be advertised on the Society's web pages and also in the *Gazette*.

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. Council has the discretion to specify the part of the budget being supported by the AustMS, and against which any repayments should be calculated.

The allocation for any one Meeting in 2010 will be up to $(2000 + 300n)$, where n is the number of AustMS members registered for and attending the meeting, with an upper limit of about \$8000.

In 2010 a total of up to $20 000 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 18 months commencing six months after consideration of applications.

Please email Secretary@austms.org.au for an application form.

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AustMS Secretary
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Peter Stacey joined La Trobe as a lecturer in 1975 and retired as an associate professor at the end of 2008 after many years as head of department and then associate dean. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research on C*-algebras and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.