



Editorial

Welcome to the November issue of the *Gazette*!

We warmly welcome the new President of the Society, Peter Taylor. In the President's Column Peter outlines his vision for the mathematical sciences over the next two years. We also interview Peter in Mathematical Minds. We would like to sincerely thank Nalini Joshi for her significant contributions as President, and for her support, guidance and initiatives during our first year as Editors of the *Gazette*.

In this issue we highlight several outcomes of the recent annual meeting of the Society. We congratulate the 2010 AustMS Medal winner, Professor Kate Smith-Miles, and the 2010 George Szekeres Medal winner, Professor Peter Hall. The citations are included in this issue. In his larger-than-usual Secretary's Column, Peter Stacey communicates many news items from the annual general meeting. In particular, we would like to draw readers' attention to the last point; in 2011 the default delivery option for the *Gazette* will be online. If you wish to continue to receive hard copies, please be sure to indicate this when renewing your Society membership.

From significant mathematical events in Australia to the world—in this issue Tony Dooley and Brendan McKay report on the very successful International Congress of Mathematicians, held in Hyderabad in August. The General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union was held prior to the ICM. One resolution of this meeting was to endorse the document 'Best Current Practices for Journals' which we reprint in our Maths Matters column. This document sets out how a good mathematics journal should be organised, while respecting the rights and responsibilities of authors, referees, editors and publishers. There are many points in this document worth careful consideration, including the recommendation that, except in exceptional circumstances, referees should refrain from submitting to editors additional opinions which are not meant for transmission to authors. We welcome your thoughts on this matter, or indeed on any of the items in this document.

In our second invited technical paper, Georg Gottwald overviews recent trends in climate dynamics. We also include Peter Johnston's tenth annual report on higher degree and honours mathematics and statistics completions, three conference reports, Puzzle Corner, book reviews and more.

In this last issue of the year we thank our columnists, book reviewers, local correspondents, other contributors, and of course, our readers in 2010. While we take a break (returning in March 2011), you might like to stay up-to-date with news and other interesting 'mathellanea' by following AustMS on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/austms>).

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and new year from the *Gazette* team.