



Editorial

Welcome to the September issue of the *Gazette*!

This issue invites you to participate—both in matters pertaining to the future direction of our profession and in more leisurely pursuits.

In his President's Column, Peter weighs into the topical 'Open Access' publishing movement, and ends by inviting your comments on the matter. This is Peter's final column as President. We would like to warmly thank Peter for his contributions to our professional community.

We extend our congratulations to former AustMS President, Nalini Joshi, and to Nick Wormald, on being awarded Australian Laureate Fellowships; read about it in our Communications Column. As the 2012 Georgina Sweet Australian Laureate Fellow, Nalini will also undertake an ambassadorial role to continue to support women in mathematics, science and technology. On a related note, the AustMS Council have approved the formation of a Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group. Society members (male or female) wishing to become members of this group should contact Anne Thomas (anne.thomas@sydney.edu.au). We hope to bring you updates of the activities of this group in future issues of the *Gazette*.

Elsewhere, in news from the National Committee of Mathematical Sciences, Nalini outlines progress on the *Decadal Plan for the Mathematical Sciences*, including the formation of several subcommittees considering the direction of the mathematical sciences in education, training, research, industry, business and government. These subcommittees will soon be seeking your input, and Nalini starts with some thought-provoking questions related to education and training in universities.

The report from the annual conference of the ANZIAM Division indicates that was once again a very successful event in 2012. Registration is now open for ANZIAM 2013. Indeed, turn to our Conferences and Courses section on page 200 to browse the varied opportunities on offer.

We encourage you also to spend some time pondering Ivan Guo's latest array of fun and intriguing puzzles or perusing the books available for review on our website.

Happy reading this issue of the *Gazette*.