



Nominations sought for the 2014 AustMS Medal

As announced in the November *Gazette*, the Medal Committee for the 2014 Australian Mathematical Society Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal, which will be awarded to a member of the Society, under the age of forty, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2014 Medal Committee, Professor K.A. Smith-Miles, School of Mathematical Sciences, Monash University, PO Box 28M, Victoria 3800 (kate.smith-miles@monash.edu). Nominations should be received by 30 May 2014.

The other three members of the 2014 Medal Committee are Professor J.A. Filar (Outgoing Chair), Professor N.C. Wormald (Incoming Chair) and Dr L. Ward (one year).

The rules can be found at <http://www.austms.org.au/The+Australian+Mathematical+Society+Medal+-+rules> and a list of past winners appears at <http://www.austms.org.au/AMSIInfo/medal.html>.

Nominations sought for the 2014 George Szekeres Medal

As announced in the November *Gazette*, the Medal Committee for the 2014 George Szekeres Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this 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 30 May 2014.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2014 George Szekeres Medal Committee, Professor J.H. Rubinstein (Rubin@ms.unimelb.edu.au).

Other members of the 2014 George Szekeres Medal Committee are Professor A.J. Guttmann (Outgoing Chair), Professor P.G. Hall (Incoming Chair) and Professor A.L. Carey.

The rules can be found at <http://www.austms.org.au/The+George+Szekeres+Medal+-+background> and a list of past winners of the medal can be found at <http://www.austms.org.au/The+George+Szekeres+Medal>.

Nominations sought for the 2014 Gavin Brown Prize

As announced in the November *Gazette*, the 2014 Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this prize, to be awarded for an outstanding and innovative piece of research in the mathematical sciences published by a Member or Members of the Society. The award will be for a single article, monograph or book consisting of original research, and published in the nine calendar years preceding the year of the award.

To be eligible for the award of the Gavin Brown Prize, a publication must have at least one author who meets the following conditions:

- (i) he/she must be a member of the Society, and must have been a member of the Society for the calendar year at the time of publication of the paper (back-dating of membership is not allowed);
- (ii) he/she must be normally resident in Australia, and must have been normally resident in Australia at the time when the research was carried out.

In the case of publications with multiple authors, the prize will be shared by all authors. The existence of authors who do not meet the conditions above will not preclude this award, although the Selection Committee may take it into account in assessing the achievement of the author(s) who do meet those conditions.

The Selection Committee may deem a publication ineligible if an author has previously received an award from the Australian Mathematical Society for a body of research which included the publication in question.

A publication may be nominated for the award by any member of the Society who is not an author of that publication.

Nominators should provide a brief (1–2 pages) summary of what makes the nominated publication important and original, with appropriate references to prior or subsequent work in the field. These should be sent by email to the Chair of the selection committee, and all nominations should be received via email by 30 May 2014.

The Selection Committee may consult with appropriate external assessors.

For further information, please email the Chair of the 2014 Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee, Professor N.S. Trudinger, Centre for Mathematics and its Applications, Australian National University, ACT 0200 (Neil.Trudinger@anu.edu.au).

The other members of the 2014 AustMS Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee are Professor P.G. Hall (Outgoing Chair), Professor J.M. Borwein (Incoming Chair) and Dr C. O’Keefe (one-year member).

Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

As a result of a generous donation from the van der Poorten family, applications for the 2014 Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship are now invited, subject to the following rules. Prospective applicants should visit the Society's website at <http://www.austms.org.au/Alf+van+der+Poorten+Travelling+Fellowship> for an application template before submitting an application electronically to the selection committee at van.der.poorten@austms.org.au before 16 May 2014.

The members of the selection committee are Dr Natalie Thamwattana (Chair), Professor Andrew Mathas and Dr Lesley Ward.

Rules for Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

1. The Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship is offered annually to researchers who have obtained their PhD in pure mathematics from an Australian university.
2. To be eligible to apply, a candidate must have qualified for their PhD within two years of the closing date and they cannot have previously been awarded the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship. Applicants must have been members of the Society for at least twelve months at the time of application. (Back-dating of membership to the previous year is not sufficient.) Preference may be given to applicants who are resident in Australia.
3. At most one Alf van der Poorten Fellowship will be awarded each year, unless no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Fellowship shall be awarded.
4. The Fellowship Committee of the Society will make recommendations to the President of the Society on the award of the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship.
5. Applications for the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship should include the completed application form, detailing a travel and research plan and budget (at most one page), a full CV and a letter from the awarding institution confirming when the applicant qualified for the award of their PhD. Applications should be sent to van.der.poorten@austms.org.au by 16 May in the year of the award.
6. The applicant should arrange for two letters of support from experts in their field to be sent directly to the committee care of van.der.poorten@austms.org.au.
7. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of \$5000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research and travel activities, the need for support and the research track record of the applicant relative to opportunity.
8. The Selection Committee reserves the right to consult with appropriate assessors.
9. In applying for an Alf van der Poorten Fellowship, applicants agree that if they are successful then their names, a citation and photograph can be

published on the web pages and in the journals of the Society and they agree to submit a report on their Fellowship after its conclusion.

10. The Alf van der Poorten Fellowships will be awarded, in the first instance, every year from 2011 to 2030. The amount of the award may be increased in consultation with the family of Alf van der Poorten.

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@ustms.org.au before the end of August 2014.

Special Interest Meetings

Applications are now considered twice a year, at the start of June and the start of December. The next closing date is 6 June 2014. Applications are required at least three months in advance of the meeting.

If funding is being sought from both AustMS and AMSI, a single application should be made at <http://www.amsi.org.au/component/content/article/881>.

If funding is not being sought from AMSI, please use the application form available at <http://www.austms.org.au/Special+Interest+Meetings> and send it to the secretary, Assoc. Prof. Peter Stacey, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, La Trobe University, Victoria 3086 (Secretary@ustms.org.au).

AustMS Accreditation

Dr Timothy A. Bodisco of the Queensland University of Technology and Dr Deborah C Jackson of La Trobe University have been accredited as Accredited Members (MAustMS).

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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. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.