

**LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY  
PRIZE REGULATIONS: ANNE BENNETT PRIZE**

**I. GENERAL**

1. In 2013 the London Mathematical Society Council agreed to institute an Anne Bennett Prize in memory of Anne Bennett who died suddenly whilst working for the Society in 2012. Anne took a strong interest in women in science and the prize seeks to recognise both excellent mathematical research and contributions to the advancement of women in mathematics.
2. The award of the Anne Bennett Prize shall be considered two years out of three by the Council of the Society, starting in 2015 and 2016. The Senior Anne Bennett Prize will be considered in the third year. The Prize Winner will normally be invited to give a lecture at the Women in Maths Day in the year of the award +1.
3. No person shall be awarded the Anne Bennett Prize more than once. An Anne Bennett Prize may not be awarded to any person who has received any other LMS Prize, with the exception of the Berwick and Senior Berwick Prizes. Recipients of these prizes may be eligible for the Anne Bennett prize, provided they satisfy all other eligibility criteria.
4. The Prize shall be restricted to mathematicians who, on 1st January of the year of the award, are either (i) normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or (ii) members of the Society mainly educated in the United Kingdom.
5. The grounds for the award are work in and influence on mathematics, particularly acting as an inspiration for women mathematicians.
6. The prize shall only be awarded to mathematicians who on the 1st January of the year of its award have fewer than 10 years (full time equivalent) of involvement in mathematics at post-doctoral level, allowing for breaks in continuity, or who in the opinion of the Prizes Committee are at an equivalent stage in their career.
7. The Prizes are not restricted to mathematicians working in any specific field or area of mathematics. To avoid doubt the prize may be awarded to either a man or a woman.
8. Any amendment to these Regulations for the award of the Prizes must be made at a regular meeting of Council at which the proposed amendment must receive the support of an absolute majority of those present at the meeting, whether voting or not, in order to take effect.

**II. PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF THE ANNE BENNETT PRIZE IN YEAR  $x$**

1. In October, year  $x-1$  the Council of the Society shall appoint a Prize Committee consisting of from three to nine members of the Society, at least one of whom is not a member of its Council, and shall invite one of them to act as convenor; normally the Committee shall have at least one member on each other Prize Committee appointed, and any number of the Prize Committees may have identical memberships.

2. The December year  $x-1$  *Newsletter* shall contain:
  - (a) an outline of the regulations and arrangements for the award of the Prize;
  - (b) an invitation to members of the Society to submit their views confidentially in writing to the President by a date in year  $x$  not later than 31st January.
3. The Committee may seek opinions from other mathematicians on candidates and their work in and influence on mathematics and how they have acted as an inspiration for women mathematicians.
4. The President and the members of the Prize Committee shall be ineligible for the award of the Prizes in years of awards for which they serve.
5. The Committee shall normally present its unanimous written report to the May meeting of the Council of the Society. This report shall consist of either:
  - (a) a recommendation that the Prize be not awarded that year or;
  - (b) a recommendation of one and only one name for consideration as prizewinner, accompanied by a detailed citation.

If the Committee fails to reach a unanimous decision in respect of the Prize, then the Prize shall not be awarded that year.

6. At the meeting of Council, there shall be a discussion of the report followed by a ballot on the Prize which must be secret if any member of Council requests it. No award shall be made unless supported by an absolute majority of the members of Council present at the meeting, whether voting or not. The failure of Council to approve the recommendation of 5(b) shall be regarded as equivalent to a decision that that Prize be not awarded that year. At its discretion, the Council may, instead of a ballot, refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration, and request a further written report to be presented to the June Council meeting, when a ballot shall be held as previously described.

In the event that the Prize has not been awarded by the October meeting of Council in any year, then the Prize shall not be awarded that year.

7. The decision of the Council shall normally be announced to the June meeting of the Society, and in the next *Newsletter* after that.

### **III. AWARD**

1. Each winner of the Anne Bennett Prize shall be given a Diploma signed by the President and the General Secretary of the Society together with such a sum of money as shall have been determined by the Council of the Society.

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