



## LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY PRIZE REGULATIONS: BERWICK PRIZE

### I. GENERAL

1. In accordance with a wish expressed by the late Professor William Edward Hodgson Berwick, Sc.D. (Member of the Society 1914-1944, Council 1925-1929, Vice-President 1929) and out of funds provided by Mrs. Berwick, the London Mathematical Society has instituted the award of a Berwick Prize to the author(s) of a definite piece of research actually published by the Society.
  2. The award of the Berwick Prize shall be considered biennially by the Council of the Society, in odd numbered years.
  3. No person shall be awarded the Berwick Prize more than once as either an individual or joint award. The Berwick Prize may not be awarded to any person who has received the Senior Berwick Prize.
  4. The Prize shall only be awarded to mathematicians who on the 1st January of the year of its award are (i) not already Fellows of the Royal Society of London, and (ii) have fewer than 15 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.
  5. The Prize in year  $x$  shall be awarded in respect of a definite piece of mathematical research actually published by the Society in any of the following eligible publications:
    - *Bulletin of the London Mathematical Society*
    - *Journal of the London Mathematical Society*
    - *Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society*
    - *Transactions of the London Mathematical Society*
    - *Journal of Topology*
    - *Nonlinearity*
    - *LMS Journal of Computation & Mathematics*
    - *LMS Lecture Notes*
    - *LMS Monographs*
- Please note that this list is restricted to those publications over which the London Mathematical Society has editorial control. However, the list will be subject to an annual review.
6. To qualify for the Prize in year  $x$ , the definite piece of mathematical research must have been published in any of the eligible journals in the period from 1st January, year  $x - 8$ , until 31st December, year  $x - 1$ .

7. Any amendment to these Regulations for the award of the Prize 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 BERWICK 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 the publications of the Society in the appropriate period.
4. The President and the members of the Prize Committee shall be ineligible for the award of the Prize 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 an author or authors for consideration as a prize-winner(s), accompanied by a detailed citation.

If the Committee fails to reach a unanimous decision, 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 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 the 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, 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. The winner(s) of the Berwick 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. In cases where the Prize is to be awarded to more than one author, all certificates shall bear the names of all authors and the monetary award shall be divided equally amongst all winners.

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