



**LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
PRIZE REGULATIONS: SENIOR WHITEHEAD PRIZE**

I. GENERAL

1. In 1973 the London Mathematical Society instituted a Senior Whitehead Prize in memory of Professor J. H. C. Whitehead (L.M.S. President, 1953-1955). The Whitehead Fund for this purpose was made up of contributions from a large number of Professor Whitehead's friends, and a generous donation from Mrs Whitehead.
2. The award of the Senior Whitehead Prize shall be considered biennially by the Council of the Society, in odd numbered years.
3. No person shall be awarded the Senior Whitehead Prize more than once, The Senior Whitehead Prize may not be awarded to any person who has received the De Morgan Medal, the Pólya Prize, the Senior Anne Bennett Prize or the Naylor Prize.
4. The Prize shall be restricted to a mathematician who is normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 1st January of the year of the award.
5. The grounds for the award of the Prize shall include:
 - (i) work in and influence on and service to mathematics;
 - (ii) lecturing gifts.
6. The award is not restricted to mathematicians working in any specific field or area of mathematics.
7. The Prize winner shall normally be invited to deliver a lecture to a meeting of the Society within a year of the announcement of the Prize.
8. 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 SENIOR WHITEHEAD 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 and general service to mathematics.
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 one and only one name for consideration as prize winner, 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 of the Senior Whitehead 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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