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Friday-Saturday, 12-13 May 1995, Oxford University
A Hundred Years of Analysis
P.R. Halmos, J-P Kahane, J. Luetzen, S.J. Patterson,
R. Remmert, F. Smithies
Friday 16 June 1995, Burlington House
D.G. Vassiliev, K.R. Parthasarathy
Friday-Saturday, 20-21 October 1995, Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre
Stochastic Analysis
Friday 17 November 1995, Burlington House

VISIT OF PROFESSOR LUCHEZAR L. AVRAMOV

Professor Luchezar L. Avramov of Purdue University will be visiting the UK in March. It is expected that he will give lectures at the University of Edinburgh on Monday 6 March, at the University of Glasgow on Tuesday 7 March and at the University of Sheffield on Wednesday 8 March. Professor Avramov's visit is partially supported by a Scheme 2 grant from the London Mathematical Society.

For further information, contact Dr L. O'Carroll, Department of Mathematics, The University, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JZ (e-mail: loc@uk.ac.ed) or Professor R.Y. Sharp, Pure Mathematics Section, School of Mathematics and Statistics, The University, Sheffield S3 7RH (e-mail: r.y.sharp@sheffield.ac.uk).

VISIT OF DR JONATHAN HILLMAN

The London Mathematical Society has agreed to support a visit by Dr Jonathan Hillman (University of Sydney) who will be in Europe and Israel later this winter. The dates and titles of his lectures are: 17 February, Edinburgh, "Embedding 3-manifolds in 4-space", contact Dr A.

Ranicki; 21 February, Durham, to be announced, contact Dr C. Kearton; 24 February, DPMMS, Cambridge, "Embedding 3-manifolds in 4-space", contact Dr A. Reid. For further information as to times and rooms, anyone interested should ask the contact persons above.

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LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY TWO-DAY MEETING

FRIDAY 17TH & SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 1995

MATHEMATICS RESEARCH CENTRE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Computers in Mathematics

FRIDAY

2.20 Opening Session

2.30 H. Cohen (Bordeaux) Computation in number fields

3.30 Tea

3.50 J.E. Cremona (Exeter) Computations with modular elliptic curves

5.00 J. W. Milnor (SUNY) Computation in holomorphic dynamics

SATURDAY

8.45 Coffee

9.00 D. Gabai (CalTech) On the rigidity of hyperbolic 3-manifolds

10.00 N. Thurston (Berkeley) The search for all narrow 3-manifolds

10.50 Coffee

11.10 D.F. Holt (Warwick) Computing in group theory

12.10 C.R. Leedham-Green (QMW) Matrix groups over finite fields

All lectures will be held in ELT 1 adjacent to the Mathematics Institute

Enquiries may be addressed to Elaine Shiels, Mathematics Research Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, fax: (01203) 523548, e-mail: es@maths.warwick.ac.uk

SEVERAL COMPLEX VARIABLES An ICMS Instructional Conference

An instructional course on analytic and geometric aspects of the theory of Several Complex Variables will be held in Edinburgh from 19 March to 1 April 1995. There will be a number of short series of lectures given by leading experts in the field. The course will start with a series of introductory lectures on very basic material accessible to those with little knowledge beyond one complex variable; this will be given by Professor R. Narasimhan (Chicago) and will start on the afternoon of Sunday 19 March.

During the period 20 - 25 March, the following courses will also be given:

• Bergman kernel and automorphisms of domains, S. Krantz (St Louis)

• L^2 methods for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator, B. Berndtsson (Göteborg)

 Kahler geometry, Th. Peternell (Bayreuth)

During the final week, there will be some special lectures as well as the following courses:

 Hardy spaces on domains in Cⁿ, S. Krantz (St Louis)

 Hyperbolicity problems in function theory, Y-T. Siu (Harvard)

• CR structures, J-M. Trepeau (Paris)

Holomorphic foliations, D. Cerveau (Rennes)

The organisers are: S. Krantz (St Louis), N. Sibony (Orsay), T. Bailey (Edinburgh) and E. Rees (Edinburgh). Citizens of the European Union are eligible to apply for funding to cover their living expenses (and in very exceptional cases full funding) from a EU-HCM grant which has been awarded to support the course. Anyone interested in attending can obtain further information or application forms from: Louise Williamson, ICMS, 14 India Street, Edinburgh EH3 6EZ; tel: 0131-220-1777; fax: 0131-220-1053; e-mail: icms@maths.ed.ac.uk.

ERASMUS INTENSIVE PROGRAMME Edinburgh - 26th March to 3rd April 1995

There will be an ERASMUS Intensive Programme in Edinburgh, from 26th March to 3rd April 1995, partially supported by the London Mathematical Society. There will be five series of introductory lectures on various topics and some individual lectures

The series of lectures are as follows: D. Eisenbud (Brandeis) "Grobner Basis Methods in Commutative Algebra"; L. Kauffman (Chicago) "Knot Theory, State Sums and Quantum Groups"; I. Reiten (Trondheim) "Finite Dimensional Al-

gebras"; J-P. Serre (Paris) "Trace Forms"; R.R. Smith (Texas A&M)/G. Písier (Paris) "Operator Spaces".

Some support is available for EPSRC postgraduates and younger academic staff. Further information may be obtained from erasmus@maths.ed.ac.uk or T.H. Lenagan, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Edinburgh, James Clerk Maxwell Building, King's Buildings, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JZ (e-mail preferred).

SHIMSHON A. AMITSUR

Professor Shimshon A. Amitsur, who was elected an Honorary Member of the London Mathematical Society in 1989, died on 5 September 1994.

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Spitalfields Day Wednesday 8th February 1995

Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences Seminar Room 1, 20 Clarkson Road, Cambridge

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

Programme

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10:30	Coffee
11.00	L.C.G. Rogers (University of Bath)
	Asymptotic turnpike results in optimal portfolio theory
12.15	Lunch
13.30	S.D. Hodges (University of Warwick)
	Economic equilibria which support Black-Scholes
	option prices
14.45	M.H.A. Davis (Imperial College)
	Modelling and pricing health insurance
15.45	Tea
16.15	S. Pliska (Illinois at Chicago)
	Portfolio management with fixed transaction costs:
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Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided at a nominal charge; please let Tracey Hibbitt at the Institute know by Friday 3rd February if you intend to come, in order to help us plan for lunch: telephone: (0223) 335999, fax: (0223) 330508, e-mail: t.hibbitt@newton.cam.ac.uk. Scientific inquiries may be addressed to L.C.G. Rogers at the Institute, e-mail: l.c.g.rogers@newton.cam.ac.uk

THE NEW ZEALAND MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The New Zealand Mathematical Society (NZMS) was founded in 1974 with the objectives of promoting the development, application and dissemination of mathematics in New Zealand, and assisting the co-operation of NZ mathematicians with each other and with mathematicians and mathematical societies in other countries. The NZMS is affiliated to the Royal Society of NZ, and is a member body of the Mathematical and Information Sciences Council of NZ.

The Society currently has around 200 members, most of whom are professional mathematicians working in universities and other research institutions or government agencies. There are four basic classes of membership: ordinary, reciprocal, student, and honorary life members. Also the NZMS offers one year's free membership to postgraduate students and new academic staff in their first year at a NZ university.

The NZMS publishes a Newsletter which is issued three times a year to all members, and sent also to several other recipients (mainly mathematical societies and university libraries). Also in conjunction with the Mathematics Department at the University of Auckland, the NZMS

publishes the NZ Journal of Mathematics, a research journal (formerly known as the Mathematical Chronicle).

Each year the NZMS invites a distinguished overseas mathematician (known as the NZMS Visiting Lecturer) on a tour of the six main university centres in NZ. Also every second year the NZMS assists with the Forder Lecturership, which brings an eminent UK mathematician to NZ on a visit made possible from a bequest to the London Mathematical Society from the late H.G. Forder.

The NZMS supports the annual NZ Mathematics Colloquium, and administers the following grants and awards: the NZMS Research Award (for research by NZ mathematicians), student travel grants, a pre-doctoral thesis competition, conference seed grants, and general research grants (for visitor support, conference travel, etc).

The NZMS has a reciprocity agreement with the LMS. Membership application forms and other information may be obtained from: The NZMS Secretary, Department of Mathematics, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand; fax: 64-9-3737457; e-mail: nzms@math.auckland.ac.nz.

EASA AWARD

Drs John O'Connor and Edmund Robertson of the School of Mathematical and Computational Sciences of the University of St Andrews, Scotland, have won the award for the best mathematical software in the first ever Europe-wide contest: the European Academic Software Awards. Their winning entry, Mathematical MacTutor, is a computer-based learning package for mathematics. It is used both in St Andrews and many other universities as well as in schools and colleges all over the world. Drs O'Connor and Robertson won the Partnership Trust Award for innovations in mathematics teaching in Higher Education in 1992.

The citation for the winning entry was as follows. Mathematical MacTutor provides an easy connection between personal mathematical experience, mathematical theory and the history of mathematics. The tutorials combine practical work with theoretical background knowledge. An enormous range of mathematics is covered: over 100 interactive learning modules are provided. Supported by MacTutor, the user can explore the data of a mathematical problem, make a hypothesis and then find evidence to prove the assumption. The program contains quizzes, puzzles and animations that guarantee interesting and enjoyable work.

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INVITED LECTURES

Professor Paul F. Baum (Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.)

will give a course of ten lectures on

TREES, BUILDINGS, SYMMETRIC SPACES AND K-THEORY FOR GROUP C*-ALGEBRAS

at Dalton-Ellis Hall, University of Manchester 18 - 22 April 1995

Accommodation and meals will be available in Dalton-Ellis Hall and further particulars can be obtained from Professor R.J. Plymen, Mathematics Department, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL (e-mail: roger@ma.man.ac.uk). Reservations for accommodation need to be confirmed by 31st March 1995.

IMA GOLD MEDAL

The IMA Gold Medal for 1994 has been awarded to Professor Fritz Ursell, FRS, for outstanding contributions to theoretical hydrodynamics and mathematical methods over a period spanning almost fifty years. Professor Ursell joins a group of eight Fellows of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications who have been awarded medals for notable contributions to mathematics and its applications.

NORTH BRITISH FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS SEMINAR

A meeting of the North British Functional Analysis Seminar will be held at the University of Newcastle on Monday 6th March 1995. The speaker will be Dr M. Rørdam (University of Odense). All interested are most welcome to attend. For further information contact: Dr Gordon Blower, NBFAS Secretary, Lancaster University; tel: 0524-593962; fax: 0524-592681; e-mail: maa008@uk.ac.lancs.cent1.

CHAIR IN MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for the post of Professor of Mathematics. It is hoped to appoint a mathematician with an outstanding research record and qualities of intellectual leadership. Consideration will be given to candidates with interests in any area of mathematics (including theoretical physics and statistics), but there may be a preference for those working in subjects in which the Department is already strong.

Salary will be on the professorial scale (minimum £31,158 per annum).

For further particulars and details of how to apply please contact the Personnel Office, University of York, Heslington, YORK YO1 5DD (tel: 01904 434032), quoting reference number 3/1048. Informal enquiries are welcome and should be made to the Head of Department, Dr Tony Sudbery (tel: 01904 433081 e-mail AS2@YORK.AC.UK).

The closing date for applications is 1 March 1995.

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STATISTICAL LABORATORY

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Applications are invited for a new established post in the Statistical Laboratory, beginning on or after 1 October 1995. This position is open to candidates with interests in any area of mathematical statistics.

This new position has been created by the University, following the appointment of Richard L. Smith to the new Chair of Statistical Science. The successful applicant will have strong research interests in some branch of theoretical or applied statistics, and will be expected to contribute to the teaching and research programmes of the Laboratory.

The current age-related scale for an Assistant Lecturer is £14,756–£19,326, and for a Lecturer is £17,813–£27,473. The appointee will be placed at a position on one of these scales commensurate with age and/or achievements.

Further information can be obtained from The Director, Statistical Laboratory, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1SB, UK, e-mail: vacancies@pmms.cam.ac.uk, fax: (01223) 337956, telephone: (01223) 337958. Applications, including a curriculum vitae and the names of 3 referees, should be sent to the Director.

The formal closing date for applications is 15 March 1995
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F. Flandoli, Assosiate Professor, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy

The book treats two topics in the theory of stochastic partial differential equations: space-regularity of solutions and existance of stochastic flows. Regularity theory in Sobolev spaces is extensively investigated. Regularity theory is then applied to prove the existence of stochastic flows. The book provides an account of regularity results that may represent a useful reference for the researcher in stochastic partial differential equations, and several open problems are pointed out, with the hope of stimulating further research on this subject. May 1995, 87 pp Cloth, ISBN: 2-88449-045-0

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER MATHEMATICS

Editor: **D.J. Evans**, Loughborough University of Technology, UK

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WILLIAM KINGDON CLIFFORD

On 4 May 1845 the mathematician William Kingdon Clifford was born in Exeter. As a child he excelled at Mr Templeton's Academy from which he went to King's College London and then in 1863 was awarded a minor scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge. Having graduated second wrangler, he was elected a fellow of Trinity for three years. As an orthodox High Churchman he agonised trying to link conventional religious belief with his own scientific ideas. Eventually, after reading Darwin and meeting Spencer, he renounced his faith and became well known as an outspoken agnostic, and later atheist. Thus, effectively excluding himself from the possibility of a professorship at Cambridge, in 1871 he moved to a Chair at University College, then a refuge for free thinkers. In London he became a well known figure in the intellectual circles of the day; the Sunday salons at his and his wife Lucy's home were attended by many leading Victorians.

Accounts of Clifford describe him as having a gift for making scientific and mathematical concepts accessible to the lay person. Consequently he was much sought after as a lecturer: the Metaphysi-

cal Society, Sunday Lecture Society, the British Association are among a long list of bodies with records of brilliant discourses given by him. He became a member of the London Mathematical Society on 18 June 1866 and served on its Council for every session from 1868/9 to 1876/7. In 1874 he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society having modestly refused an earlier nomination on the grounds that he did not want to "become respectable just yet".

Clifford died at the young age of 33 from tuberculosis. During his short life he made significant and innovative developments in mathematics, mathematical physics and philosophy - contributions for which he is remembered today. For those interested in finding out more about this controversial and brilliant figure, his life, his ideas and his circle of friends, there is the opportunity to attend an inter-disciplinary meeting at the University of Kent on 6 May 1995, the 150th anniversary of his birth. The meeting is being financially supported in part by the London Mathematical Society. Further details about how to register are in the December 1994 edition of the Newsletter.

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ONE DAY FUNCTION THEORY MEETING Nottingham University

A one day Function Theory Meeting will be held at the Department of Mathematics, University of Nottingham on Monday 25th September 1995. Further details will be circulated shortly to all who have attended these annual meetings in recent years, and are in any case available from the organisers, Dr J.K.

Langley and Dr J.F. Feinstein, Department of Mathematics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD (e-mail: jff@maths.nott.ac.uk). Anyone wishing to give a talk (normally 30 minutes) is encouraged to submit a title and a very brief abstract.

CANADIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY 50th Anniversary Summer Meeting

This meeting will feature a large number of plenary lectures on a broad spectrum of mathematics by top Canadian mathematicians. The Jeffery- Williams Prize Lecture will be given by Robert V. Moody and the Krieger-Nelson Prize Lecture for Distinguished Research by Women in Mathematics will be given by Nancy Reid. In addition, Richard Guy will present a public lecture as part of the

Education Programme. The programme will be complemented by a number of special social events.

For further information contact: The Canadian Mathematical Society, 577 King Edward, Suite 109, PO Box 450, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5; e-mail: exsmc@acadvm1.uottawa.ca; fax: (613) 565 1539; tel: (613) 564 2223.

NICOLAAS H. KUIPER

Professor Nicolaas H. Kuiper, who was a former Director of the IHES in Paris, died on 12 December 1994.

ADDENDUM TO AFRICAN MATHEMATICAL UNION AND THE CHALLENGE

The Journal/Books Distribution Section of the International Centre Theoretical Physics (ICTP, Trieste, Italy) has agreed, within the limit of available funds, to pay for the sending of books/journals to African Institutions. Organisations/individuals who would like to donate contemporary books/journals should contact me with a list of items to be donated, including possible cost of postage. This list will then be forwarded to ICTP for approval for support, after which ICTP, will make funds available to the individual/organisation to send such books/journals. One important requirement for supporting shipping of Journals by ICTP is that the series should be "reasonably complete". In other words, isolated copies of journals cannot be supported. I would like to emphasise that arrangement is preliminary pending our success in finding organisations/individuals in the willing to co-ordinate the sending of such books/journals. In this respect, I should like to appeal for volunteers to help the co-ordination of this important activity. I would also like to seize this opportunity to appeal to organisations/individuals for funding support towards the sending of

such books/journals.

We are aware of the need to popularise electronic communication as well as computerise libraries all over the continent in order to alleviate the problem of professional isolation among others. So far, there few countries and relatively very few institutions which have e-mail The African Mathematical Union is exploring the possibility of co-operating with other scientific organisations in and outside Africa to sensitise our Governments and Higher Institutions about the urgent need for adequate computer facilities, electronic communication and networking with libraries and International data bases in other continents of the world.

Aderemi Kuku AMU President Mathematics Department University of Ibadan, Nigeria Tel: 234-2-8100347; fax: 234-2-8103043

PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS OF MATHEMATICIANS 18-26 September 1995

The fourth African Mathematical Union Pan-African Congress of Mathematicians, like its predecessors, will welcome participants from African countries and beyond in order to propagate research and education in the mathematical sciences in their various ramifications - all types of pure and applied mathematics, including computer science, mathematical physics, econometrics, various types engineering mathematics, history mathematics and topical issues mathematics education. The Congress will be held at Al-Akhawayn University, Ifram, Maroc.

The academic activities will consist of: 1) one-hour invited plenary lectures on current directions and achievements of mathematical sciences:

2) forty-five minute invited research lectures in parallel specialised sessions;

contributed research papers minutes) by participants in various areas of specialisation;

special symposium theme: Mathematical Sciences and the Development of Africa: What Challenges for the 21st Century?;

5) scientific exhibition, display of posters. For further information about the Congress, please contact: Professor Kerkour, Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Secretariat de la Societé Mathematique du Maroc, BP 1780, Rabat, Maroc; fax: 212-7-775471.



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DIARY

The diary lists Society meetings and other events publicized in previous issues of the Newsletter. For further information, refer to the figure in brackets, which is a cross reference to the LMS Newsletter number.

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5-9 ANZIAM'95, University of Western

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10 Edinburgh Mathematical Society Meeting, Edinburgh University, Professor M.J. Dunwoody

11 Arthur Cayley (1821-1895) Special Day,

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