

LMS HARDY LECTURESHIP GUIDELINES

The Hardy Lectureship is named after G.H. Hardy, a former President, and De Morgan Medallist. It aims to bring a distinguished overseas mathematician to the United Kingdom to deliver a series of lectures on different topics at universities around the UK, ending with the Hardy Lecture at the General Meeting of the Society in London.

These guidelines are for Society Lectures and Meetings (SLAM) Committee and local organisers and include information on:

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THE FORMAT OF THE HARDY LECTURESHIP

The Hardy Lectureship aims to support a visit by a distinguished overseas mathematician to the UK to give a series of lectures on different topics at different universities and thereby allow as many UK mathematicians as possible to benefit from the mathematician's presence in the UK.

The Hardy Lectureship is a lecture tour of the UK which consists of visits to 6-7 different universities over a period of 2-3 weeks in May/June of Year X (where X is normally an odd-numbered year), ending with the Hardy Lecture at the General Meeting of the Society in London. The visit does not necessarily need to take place in consecutive weeks.

LMS HARDY LECTURESHIP NOMINATION PROCESS

The SLAM Committee seeks nominations from the Society's members and may also put forward its own suggestions.

Criteria for nominations include:

1. The Nominee is not normally resident in the United Kingdom.
2. The Nominee has not previously been awarded the Lectureship.
3. The Lectureship is not restricted to mathematicians working in any specific area of mathematics.

The SLAM Committee will also consider:

- the achievements of the Nominee, including work in, influence on, and general service to mathematics; lecturing gifts; and breadth of mathematical interests;
- the overall benefit the UK mathematical community might derive from the visit;
- the possibility of bringing to the UK a mathematician who might otherwise visit rarely or never.

Nominations should be submitted to lmsmeetings@lms.ac.uk by **31 January Year X-1** for consideration at the February/March Meeting of the SLAM Committee.

At its February meeting, the SLAM Committee will select a suitable nominee to recommend to Council to invite to become the Hardy Lecturer for Year X. After the Council meeting in March/April in Year X-1, the SLAM Chair will write to the chosen nominee to offer the Hardy Lectureship to him or her and then the SLAM Chair will report on his/her acceptance to the SLAM Committee.

THE ITINERARY

The itinerary shall be formed by the SLAM Committee in consultation with the Hardy Lecturer. The letter of invitation will also ask the prospective Hardy Lecturer to:

- consider possible departments he/she would like to visit.
- consider possible topics for his/her lectures.
- send abstracts for his/her lectures, if possible.
- consider the most environmentally friendly mode of transport, which also suits their individual needs and circumstances.

The SLAM Committee will consider possible departments for the Hardy Lecturer to visit, taking into account:

- the number of institutions to be visited
- any suggestions made by the Hardy Lecturer.
- The Society's aims to reduce the environmental impact of its activities, while maintaining their high quality and overall effectiveness. To help with achieving this objective, SLAM should consider any actions that it intends to take to mitigate any harmful environmental effects the proposed activity may cause. The Society maintains a webpage of examples of actions for reducing the harmful environmental effects of its activities – <https://www.lms.ac.uk/policy/sustainability>.

The SLAM Committee will also consider possible local organisers at each institution who may be approached to host the Hardy Lecturer during his/her visit at their department.

The SLAM Chair will write to the Hardy Lecturer with the Committee's suggestions before agreeing the final itinerary with the Hardy Lecturer.

Once agreed, the SLAM Chair will then write to the suggested local organisers to:

- invite them to host the Hardy Lecturer at their department.
- suggest suitable dates for the visit.
- choose a preferred topic, if available.
- confirm what funding will be available from the LMS.

FUNDING INFORMATION

The London Mathematical Society will fund the Lectureship up to **£4,500** towards the following costs:

- travel expenses (including travel to/from the UK and within the UK).
- accommodation expenses for the whole tour – ideally up to £70 per night.
- a contribution to the host department to hold a dinner for the Hardy Lecturer – up to **£100** per institution.
- Additional support is available to cover Caring costs, if required: **£2,500** to cover economy travel for the carer/dependent and **£500** towards the carer's/dependent's accommodation costs.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The following timetable will normally be adhered to:

November/December year $x - 2$	LMS advertises call for nominations for the Hardy Lectureship in year x .
31 January year $x-1$	Nominations submitted to the LMS.
February/March year $x - 1$	Nominations considered at the February/March meeting of SLAM Committee.
March/April year $x- 1$	Recommendations sent to Council. Letter of invitation sent to nominated Hardy Lecturer.
May - September year $x- 1$	Itinerary considered and agreed between SLAM Committee and the Hardy Lecturer. Local organisers invited to host the nominated Hardy Lecturer and/or Call to Mathematics departments to host is advertised.
October year $x - 1$	Itinerary confirmed at October Meeting of SLAM Committee.
October year $x-1$ to June year x	Hardy Lectureship is advertised.
June year x	Hardy Lectureship takes place.
June/July year x	Hardy Lecture given at the General Meeting of the Society in London.

GUIDANCE FOR ORGANISERS OF LMS EVENTS AND LMS-FUNDED EVENTS

An alphabetical list (by activity) of guidance for organisers of LMS events and LMS-funded events is given on the LMS website here (www.lms.ac.uk/events/guidance) and refers to the following Society's policies and guidelines for events, which are organised on behalf of the Society e.g. Regional Meetings. The LMS' Society Lectures and Meetings Committee reviews and updates the list twice a year and would be happy to hear about any further guidance, which could benefit mathematicians. Prospective and Current Regional Meeting organisers are asked to review this guidance when drafting their proposal and when planning and running their event.

- [Creating Positive Environment at Events](#)
- [Hosting a Hybrid Event](#)
- [Increasing Accessibility of Meetings](#)
- [Increasing Visibility of Meetings \(Marketing/Publicity\)](#)
- [Inviting Speakers](#)
 - Women in Mathematics
 - Diversity in Mathematics
 - Advising Invited Speakers to give talks accessible to a general mathematical audience.
- [Planning a Sustainable Event](#)
- [Templates](#)
 - Registration Form
 - Signs
 - Checklist

THE LOCAL ORGANISERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- Make local arrangements including accommodation etc.
- Consider any actions to mitigate any harmful environmental effects the proposed activity may cause. The Society maintains a webpage of examples of actions for reducing the harmful environmental effects of its activities – <https://www.lms.ac.uk/policy/sustainability>.
- Note that, as an advocate of the advancement of women in mathematics, the Society expects the LMS-supported events to accommodate at least 20% female speakers, as far as this is possible, in

the event that the local organiser wishes to build a bigger event around the Hardy Lecture and invite more speakers.

- Liaise with the LMS to prepare posters and publicity.
- Publicise the event as widely as possible.
- Publicise the event as the LMS Hardy Lectureship unless otherwise agreed with the Society.
- Utilise the funds of £100 as described above in Funding Information.
- Submit claims to the LMS before 31 July of Year X.

THE LMS WILL:

- Send a formal Letter of Invitation to the Hardy Lecturer.
- Ask the Hardy Lecturer to consider the most environmentally friendly mode of transport, which also suits their individual needs and circumstances.
- Prepare the itinerary in consultation with the Hardy Lecturer and local organisers.
- Fund the visit, as described in the Funding Information.
- Organise the Hardy Lecture as part of the General Meeting of the Society in London.
- Liaise with the local organisers to prepare posters and publicity.
- Publicise the event as widely as possible.