DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

This Section contains important news (such as permanent appointments, prizes awarded, etc.) as supplied by the Mathematics Departments of Universities in Ireland.

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Dublin City University

There are two new Postdoctoral Fellows (2 year contract jointly with the National Centre for Plasma Science and Technology) at DCU School of Mathematical Sciences: Dr. Laurent Plantie and Dr. Dana Mackey.

There are also two Visiting Lecturers in the University–Designated Research Centre in Differential Equations: Dr. Ariela Briani (University of Pisa) Oct 01 – Sep 02, and Professor Robert E. O'Malley (University of Washington. Seattle) April 02 – Sep 02.

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Dr. Sinéad Breen, Dr. John Foy, and Dr. Dermot Ryan have been appointed to contract Lectureships. Dr. Fiacre O'Cairbre and Dr. Gary McGuire have been promoted to Senior Lecturer.

Queen's University Belfast

With effect of 1 January 2002, Dr. Ivan Todorov has been appointed to a two-year Research Fellowship. He joins from the University of the Aegean on Samos Island and works in the area of non-selfadjoint operator algebras.

At the elections on 23 November 2001, Dr. Martin Mathieu (Head of the Pure Mathematics Research Division) has been elected to the Council of the London Mathematical Society.

University of Limerick

Three students completed their PhD at the University of Limerick recently. Ali R. Ansari ("On the Use of Shishkin Meshes to obtain Parameter Robust Numerical Solutions of Singularly Perturbed Differential Equations") was supervised by Dr. Alan Hegarty. Michael Hayes ("Numerical and Asymptotic Modelling of Thin Film Flows") was supervised by Professor Stephen O'Brien. Victoria Livingstone ("Meta-analysis: New Approaches to Heterogeneity") was supervised by Professor Don Barry.

Marty O'Leary (Newbridge College) won a Bronze Medal at the 42nd International Mathematical Olympiad held 4–14 July 2001 in Washington, DC. Marty has taken part in training at NUIM during the last two years.

University College Cork

Two new appointments were made in the Mathematics Department. Dr. Stephen Wills, who works in quantum probability theory (permanent), and Dr. Irina Kholodna (one-year contract). She works in homotopy theory and is a former PhD student of Dr. Graham Ellis (NUIG).

The funding for the TMR Network in Operator Algebras has been approved for another three years with UCC and DIAS as the Irish nodes. Prof. Gerard Murphy at UCC acts as the Irish co-ordinator.

University of Ulster at Jordanstown

Professor Ivo Düntsch has been elected chairperson of COST Action 274 "Theory and Application of Relational Structures as Knowledge Instruments" (TARSKI), which co-ordinates research of about 40 groups in 17 European countries. See `www.tarski.org`

University of Ulster at Magee

The following mathematicians will visit Magee College in 2002:
E. Talvila, Univ of Alberta, P Y. Lee and T. S. Chew, both National Univ of Singapore.