For Your Information

Mathematics Awareness Week 1997

Mathematics Awareness Week (MAW) 1997 will be officially celebrated April 20–26. The Joint Policy Board for Mathematics has selected "Mathematics and the Internet" as the 1997 MAW theme. This theme includes such subjects as computer security and encryption, data mining, network analysis, information theory, and the availability of mathematical information on the World Wide Web and other technologies.

Mathematics Awareness Week materials, including the MAW poster and visuals, will be posted on the MAW Web site, `http://forum.swarthmore.edu/maw/`. Additional information can be found and MAW-related activities discussed on MAW-list, the e-mail discussion list. (To join MAW-list, send mail to `majordomo@maa.org`, with "subscribe maw-list", without the quotes, in the body of the message.)

Institutions and organizations planning MAW activities may wish to post them on MAW-list and on their WWW sites. Links from and postings to the MAW Web site may be arranged with Melissa Dershewitz, `dersh@forum.swarthmore.edu`.

To assist in 1997 planning, summaries of 1996 activities are currently posted on the MAW Web site (`http://forum.swarthmore.edu/maw/96/participants.html`), with links to many individual MAW Web pages.

General questions about Mathematics Awareness Week can be directed by e-mail to `mawjpbm@deans.umd.edu`.

—JPBM Announcement

Everett Pitcher Lectures

The next series of Everett Pitcher Lectures will be held March 18, 19, and 20, 1997, on the campus of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The speaker will be Benoit Mandelbrot, Abraham Robinson Professor of Mathematical Sciences at Yale University and IBM Fellow Emeritus at the T. J. Watson Research Center. The title of his lectures will be, "Fractals in Mathematics and the Sciences."

The lectures, which are open to the public, are held in honor of Everett Pitcher, who was secretary of the AMS from 1967 until 1988. Pitcher served in the mathematics department at Lehigh from 1938 until 1978, when he retired as Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. Further information can be obtained by writing to Pitcher Lecture Series, Department of Mathematics, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or by calling 610-758-3753.

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