
Cosponsored Conference

AAAS Meeting to Offer Strong Mathematics Program

The year 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 17–22 in Washington, DC, will feature many outstanding expository talks by prominent mathematicians. These include the following symposia (three-hour sessions) and invited talks sponsored by Section A (Mathematics) of the AAAS:

- The Reasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics: Mathematics in Hollywood, Industry, and Daily Life, organized by **Lenore Blum** and **Felix Browder**
- The Reasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics: Complexity and Computation—Paradigms for the 21st Century, organized by **Lenore Blum** and **Felix Browder**
- Predicting More, Assuming Less—A Game Theoretic Approach to Inductive Inference, organized by **Yoav Freund** and **Bakesh Vohra**
- Earth, Sea, and Sky: Mathematical Modeling in the Earth Sciences, organized by **Barbara Keyfitz**
- Battling the Crypto Wars, organized by **Susan Landau**
- Symmetry and Hierarchy in Science, Technology, Art, Design, and the Humanities, organized by **Arthur Loeb**
- Breaking Barriers: Research, Education, and the Web, organized by **Robby Robson**
- The Mathematics of Politics: Census, Representation, and Voting, organized by **Leon Seitelman**
- Shaping the Future Learning of Mathematics and Science, organized by **Judith Sowder**
- Six Degrees of Separation: From Small-World Networks to the Web, organized by **Steven Strogatz**
- Topical Theme Talk: Phase Transitions in Computer Science, by **Jennifer Tour Chayes**

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Other symposia that will be of interest to mathematicians and mathematics educators include:

- Integrating Technology into Science Education
- Science as an Error-Correcting Process

- College is Too Late: Teaching Mathematics to Children and Adolescents
- Scientific Modeling of Complex Scale Relationships: From Astronomy to Manufacturing
- The Science of Baseball

The above symposia are only a few of the 150 or so AAAS program offerings in the physical, life, social, and biological sciences that will broaden the perspectives of students and professionals alike. Indeed, AAAS annual meetings are the showcases of American science, thereby deserving greater participation by mathematicians. For details of the program, see the October 29th issue of *Science*.

In presenting mathematics to the AAAS Program Committee, I have found the committee to be genuinely interested in symposia on mathematical topics of current issues. The Section A Committee is looking for organizers and speakers who can present substantial new material in ways understandable to a general scientific audience.

I invite you to attend our Section A Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2000, in the Marriott Wardman Park, Suite 8212. The committee meeting is open to all who wish to stimulate interest and activities of the mathematical sciences within AAAS.

Please send me, and encourage your colleagues to send me, symposia proposals for future AAAS annual meetings.

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