
Cosponsored Conferences

AAAS Meeting to Offer Strong Mathematics Program

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 14-19, in Boston, MA, will feature many outstanding expository talks by prominent mathematicians. These include the following three-hour symposia (and organizers) sponsored by Section A (Mathematics) of the AAAS:

- Robot Arm Manipulation (Robert Connelly, Cornell University)
- Articulation in Mathematics: Smoothing the Bumps from School to College (Bernard Madison, MAA)
- Bioconsensus (Fred Roberts, Rutgers University)
- Living with Data: Achieving Quantitative Literacy (Lynn A. Steen, St. Olaf College)
- Waves: Patterns and Turbulence (Walter Craig, McMaster University)
- Show Me the Data! Fiascos in Modeling and Statistics: Florida, Ford & Firestone, etc. (Leon Seitelman, University of Connecticut)
- Getting From Here to There: Mathematical Models for Movement and Aggregation of Cells and Organisms (Hans Othmer, University of Minnesota)
- Topical Talk "Hard Number Theory Problems and Cryptology" (Carl Pomerance, University of Georgia)

Other symposia that will be of interest to the mathematical community include:

Advanced Science and Mathematics in American High Schools
The New Computing I, II
Teaching and Learning in Science and Mathematics:
What Does Discipline-Based Education Research Tell Us?
Mathematics and Science of Origami: Visualize the Possibilities
Equal Access to Science, Mathematics, and Technology
Education Is a Human Right That Belongs to All

The above symposia are only a few of the 150 or so AAAS program offerings in the physical, life, social, and biological sciences. For details of the 2002 AAAS program, see the October 26, 2001, issue of *Science*.

AAAS annual meetings are the showcases of American science, and they encourage participation by mathematicians and mathematics educators. (AAAS acknowledges the AMS for its generous support.) In presenting mathematics-related themes to the AAAS Program Committee, I have found the committee to be genuinely interested in offering symposia on mathematical topics of current interest. Thus, Section A's Committee seeks organizers and speakers who can present substantial new material in an accessible manner to a large scientific audience. Toward this end, I invite you to attend our Section A Committee business meeting from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Friday, February 15th, 2002, in the Yarmouth Room of the Marriott Copley Place. I invite you also to send me, and encourage your colleagues to send me, symposia proposals for future AAAS annual meetings.

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