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# For Your Information

## EMS Issues Statement on Money-Making Schemes

In December 2001, the European Mathematical Society (EMS) issued a statement warning mathematicians about schemes designed to take advantage of scholarly communication in order to make money. The advent of electronic communications seems to have caused an increase in such schemes.

In some cases, individuals have organized conferences with very high registration fees, and the main purpose of the conferences did not appear to be the advancement of scholarship and research. There are also instances of journals charging authors very high page charges that appeared to be difficult to justify. Further, individuals' reputations sometimes appeared to be exploited when they were asked to sit on boards of such journals.

The EMS statement does not condemn all financial gain from scholarly communications. Academic and scholarly organizations often make modest amounts of money on conferences and publications and use that money to support other activities. Thus the EMS statement mainly serves as a warning to mathematicians to exercise caution. The full text of the statement follows.

### **“A common sense tip**

“From time to time active mathematicians receive invitations to submit papers to research journals or conferences, to have their name included as a member of a journal editorial board, to speak at a conference, to participate in a conference, to have their name included as a member of the organizing committee of a conference, and so on. Sometimes these invitations include a request for payment of some sort (e.g. conference charges, page charges, or whatever).

“The vast majority of such invitations are of course entirely genuine and welcome to the recipient! However a small minority of such invitations represent money-making schemes of a type that might not be immediately obvious to the recipient, and that might not be at all welcome to them if they understood what was going on. The

internet is often used for such invitations, just as it is for a number of other doubtful financial schemes.

“If you receive an invitation to be involved in a journal or conference whose organiser's reputability you do not already know, it is wise therefore to check out the integrity of what is proposed before sending any money or agreeing to let your name be used in what might be a purely money making scheme.

“David A. Brannan, EMS Secretary”

—*Allyn Jackson*

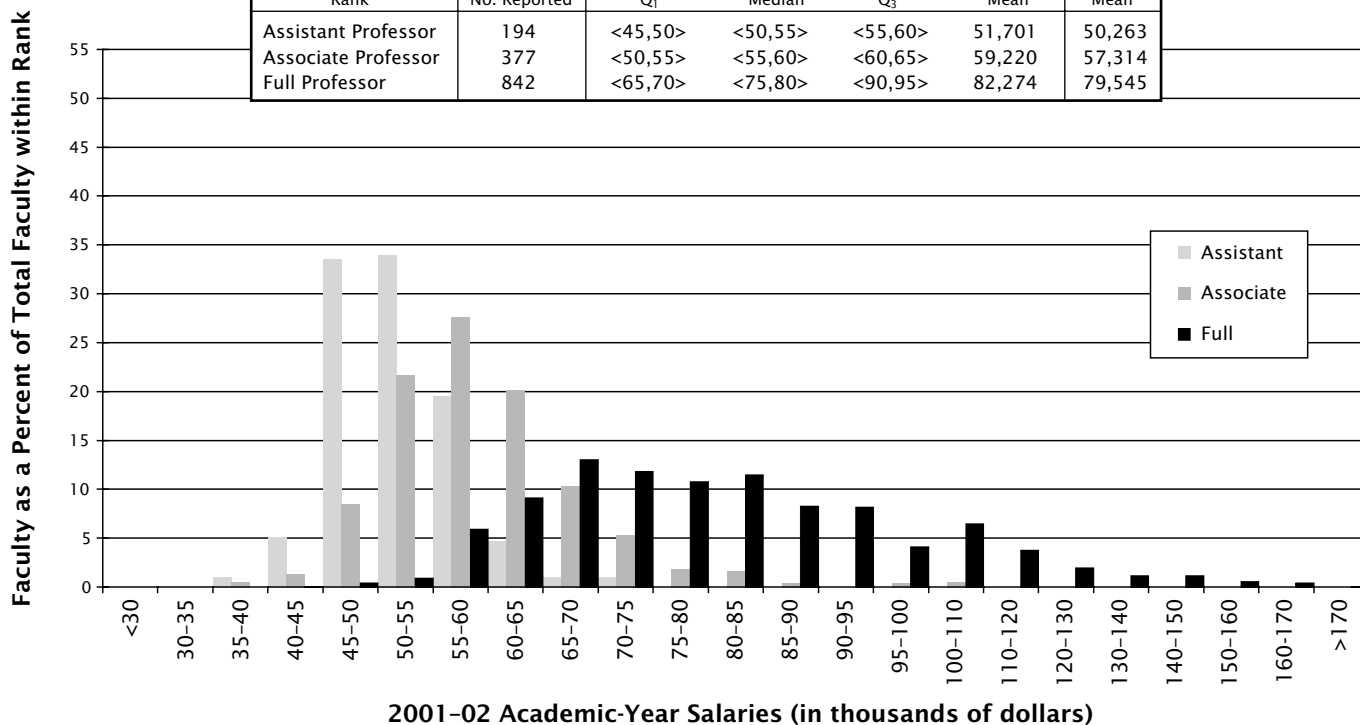
## Correction

In the article “Doctoral Degrees Conferred” in the February 2002 issue of the *Notices*, page 241, Cecilia Fosser and Anupama Rao were listed as receiving degrees from Arizona State University. Their correct affiliation is the University of Arizona.

## Correction

Reprinted on the following page are tables depicting Group II Faculty Salaries (corrected) and Group B Faculty Salaries. When the tables appeared in the “2001 Annual Survey of the Mathematical Sciences” article in the February 2002 issue, the data from Group B was erroneously printed in the table of Group II. Data for both groups is shown correctly here.

Group II Faculty Salaries						
Doctoral degree-granting departments of mathematics (56)						
42 responses (75.0%)						
Rank	No. Reported	2001-02				2000-01 Mean
		Q <sub>1</sub>	Median	Q <sub>3</sub>	Mean	
Assistant Professor	194	<45,50>	<50,55>	<55,60>	51,701	50,263
Associate Professor	377	<50,55>	<55,60>	<60,65>	59,220	57,314
Full Professor	842	<65,70>	<75,80>	<90,95>	82,274	79,545



Group B Faculty Salaries						
Bachelor's degree-granting departments of mathematics (1,028)						
357 responses (34.7%)						
Rank	No. Reported	2001-02				2000-01 Mean
		Q <sub>1</sub>	Median	Q <sub>3</sub>	Mean	
Assistant Professor	916	<35,40>	<40,45>	<45,50>	44,134	42,641
Associate Professor	909	<45,50>	<50,55>	<60,65>	53,817	51,814
Full Professor	938	<55,60>	<65,70>	<75,80>	69,091	66,233

