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MathJobs.Org: Job Application Database for Mathematics

Last year, the AMS began sponsoring a mathematics job application database system called MathJobs.Org, which was originally developed at Duke University. The system, designed to be used both by jobseekers and by mathematics departments offering positions, allows every step of the employment application process to be carried out in a paperless, online environment. MathJobs.org was used successfully to fill postdoctoral positions during the 2001–2002 hiring season. In 2002–2003, the AMS is offering the MathJobs.org service at an introductory rate for employers. The service is free to applicants.

MathJobs.org allows a jobseeker to create a personal portfolio containing cover letters, resumes, teaching and research statements, lists of publications, etc. After browsing through listings of open positions, the jobseeker can create tailored applications by selecting the appropriate documents from his or her portfolio. The applications can then be submitted directly on the system. MathJobs also provides a way for referees to enter letters of reference into the system.

For mathematics departments offering positions, MathJobs.org makes it easy to create a database of applicants containing information such as educational background, research area, names of referees, whether reference letters have been received, etc. Other features include automated messaging and reader note-taking. MathJobs.org can manage the entire job application process without paper but can also be profitably used in conjunction with a paper folder system.

The AMS believes that MathJobs could greatly increase the efficiency of the job application process. Those interested in trying out the system can use a demo available at the website <http://www.mathjobs.org/>. Employers wishing to register should fill out an electronic form on the

website. Further information about subscribing to use the MathJobs.org service is available through the AMS Professional Services Department, AMS, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904; telephone 800-321-4267, ext. 4105; e-mail: mathjobs@ams.org.

—Allyn Jackson

Deaths of AMS Members

HERMAN J. COHEN, retired, City College, CUNY, died on May 22, 2002. Born on September 18, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 56 years.

ERIK BENT HANSEN, of Technical University of Denmark, died on May 14, 2002. He was a member of the Society for 34 years.

ELMAR H. THOMA, of the Technische Universität München, Germany, died on July 23, 2002. Born on September 10, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 42 years.

ALBERT WOLINSKY, of Los Angeles, CA, died on July 24, 1999. He was a member of the Society for 50 years.