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# For Your Information

## Departments Coordinate Job Offer Deadlines

A group of mathematical sciences departments has adopted an agreement to coordinate deadlines for acceptance of postdoctoral job offers. The purpose is to ensure that applicants do not have to make decisions about job offers before the results of the National Science Foundation (NSF) postdoctoral fellowship competition are announced. The agreement applies only to offers of postdoctoral positions, not to not tenure-track positions, and only to applicants who are less than two years past the Ph.D.

The departments have agreed not to require these applicants to decide about a job offer before Monday, February 10, 2003. The NSF has agreed to notify postdoctoral fellowship recipients no later than Friday, January 31, 2003. The list of participating departments, together with additional information, may be found on the Web at <http://www.ams.org/employment/postdoc-offers.html>.

—Allyn Jackson

## Elsevier Supports Joint Meetings Speakers

Elsevier supported the travel and local expenses for five AMS Special Session speakers at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore in January 2003. The speakers who are receiving support are all from developing countries. They were chosen to receive the support from nominations made by organizers of AMS Special Sessions at the Joint Meetings.

The names and affiliations of the supported speakers are: PETER BOYVALENKOV, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria; MALGORZATA GUZOWSKA, University of Szczecin, Poland; URSULA MOLTER, Departamento de Matematica, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina; MIKHAIL M. POPOV, Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine; MUKUT MANI TRIPATHI, Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, Lucknow University, India.

—Allyn Jackson

## VIGRE Workshop Report Available

In May 2002 a workshop was held to share information about the Vertical Integration of Research and Education in the Mathematical Sciences (VIGRE) program of the National Science Foundation. The report of the VIGRE workshop is now available on the AMS website, <http://www.ams.org/amsmtg/VIGRE-report.pdf>.

An article about the workshop, “VIGRE Turns Three”, by Rick Durrett, appeared in the November 2002 issue of the *Notices*, pages 1237–43. An “Opinion” piece, “Whither VIGRE?”, also by Durrett, appeared in the same issue, page 1221.

—Allyn Jackson

## Correction

Harry Hochstadt, a doctoral student of Wilhelm Magnus and a close friend of the latter’s widow, has noted an error in my account of Max Dehn’s emigration [“Max Dehn, Kurt Gödel, and the Trans-Siberian Escape Route”, October 2002 issue]. He points out that Magnus’s one son, Alfred (not Albert, as I mistranscribed the name), was born in 1950 and so could not have helped Dehn get to the Frankfurt railroad station. My statement was based on the account in Yandell’s book. Siegel’s memoir, on the other hand, states that Dehn was helped by “the wife and son of Professor Alfred Magnus”. According to Hochstadt, that reference is actually to Wilhelm Magnus’s *father*, who was also named Alfred. It was he and his wife who came to Dehn’s aid. I regret the confusion.

In the references at the end of my article, the volume and issue numbers for the English translation of Siegel’s memoir that appeared in the *Mathematical Intelligencer* were switched. The correct reference is vol. 1, no. 4.

—John Dawson