
For Your Information

Change in Procedures for 2003 AMS Elections

As part of AMS elections for 2003, members will have the option of voting either online or by the traditional paper ballot. All AMS members who are open to receiving email from the AMS will be contacted in May and given the opportunity to choose to receive a paper ballot; otherwise their voting instructions will be emailed to them at the start of elections in early September. Members who receive the traditional paper ballot will still have the option of casting their votes online. It is anticipated that the availability of online voting will provide a much appreciated convenience to AMS members, especially the approximately 7,000 AMS members who live outside of the United States.

—Robert Daverman, AMS secretary

CPST Project on Master's Degrees

The Commission on Professionals in Science and Technology (CPST) has received funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to conduct a series of activities designed to promote the revitalization of the master's degree in science and mathematics.

In 1997 the Sloan Foundation launched the Professional Science Master's Initiative with the goal of bringing into being new two-year professional master's degree programs that would equip people for work outside academia. The coordinator of the Sloan initiative, Sheila Tobias, coauthored an article entitled "The growth of the professional master's in mathematics", which appeared in the May 2001 issue of the *Notices*, pages 491-7.

The CPST project will conduct a series of activities, including carrying out an in-depth review of the state of master's education and employment in science and mathematics, supporting efforts of professional societies

to inventory master's programs, and developing and maintaining a cross-disciplinary database on master's education. The CPST will convene key policymakers for a conference on professional master's programs, to be held in Washington, DC, in October 2003.

For further information visit the website <http://www.cpst.org/>.

—Allyn Jackson

Film about Mathematicians to Air

A film about mathematicians entitled *The Math Life* will air on public television stations across the U.S. this spring. The film was produced by Daniel Rockmore, a mathematician at Dartmouth College, and filmmakers Wendy Conquest and Bob Drake. In 52 minutes distilled from interviews with seventeen mathematicians, the film examines what it is like to do mathematics. Among the mathematicians interviewed are David Mumford, Ingrid Daubechies, Persi Diaconis, Michael Freedman, Fan Chung Graham, Kate Okikiolu, Jennifer Tour Chayes, Peter Sarnak, and Steven Strogatz.

Further information about the film may be found on the website <http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~rockmore/mathlife.html>, which also contains a link to a list of broadcast dates.

—Allyn Jackson