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Fan China Exchange Program Names Awardees

The Society's Fan China Exchange Program awards grants to support collaborations between Chinese and U.S. or Canadian researchers. Institutions in the United States or Canada apply for the funds to support a visitor from China or vice versa. This funding is made possible through a generous gift made to the AMS by Ky and Yu-Fen Fan in 1999. The awardees for 2008 follow.

The INSTITUTE OF SYSTEMS SCIENCE, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, was awarded a US\$2,500 grant to support a visit by Jerome Hoffman of Louisiana State University.

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY was awarded a US\$3,000 grant to support a visit by Zongxia Liang of Tsinghua University.

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY received a grant of US\$4,000 to support a visit by Zhitao Zhang of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON was awarded a grant of US\$4,500 to support the visits of Quanshui Wu of Fudan University and Diming Lu of Zhejiang University.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY received a US\$4,000 grant to support a visit by Yaokun Wu of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

For information about the Fan China Exchange Program, visit the website <http://www.ams.org/outreach/chinaexchange.html>, or contact the AMS Membership and Programs Department, email: chinaexchange@ams.org, telephone 401-455-4170 (within the U.S. call 800-321-4267, ext. 4170).

—*Elaine Kehoe*

AMS Announces Congressional Fellow

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) is pleased to announce that James Rath has been chosen as the AMS Congressional Fellow for 2008–09.

The AMS will sponsor Jim's fellowship through the Congressional Fellowship Program administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The fellowship is designed to provide a unique public policy learning experience, to demonstrate the value of science-government interaction, and to bring a technical background and external perspective to the decision-making process in Congress.

Fellows spend a year on the staff of a member of Congress or a congressional committee, working as a special legislative assistant in legislative and policy areas requiring scientific and technical input. The fellowship program includes an orientation on congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science, technology, and public policy.

James Rath was chosen from among several very competitive applications. He earned his Ph.D. in computational and applied mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin after completing his thesis on numerical analysis and linear algebra. He is currently working as a lecturer and postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas in the Center for Subsurface Modeling in the Institute for Computational Engineering and Science.

For more information on the AAAS Congressional Fellowship Program, visit the website <http://www.fellowships.aaas.org>.

—*Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington office*

AMS Holds Workshop for Department Chairs

The AMS hosted its annual one-day workshop for mathematical sciences department chairs at the 2008 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego, California. This year's workshop agenda was approached with the goal of increasing the number of students taking meaningful mathematics courses. The discussion centered on undergraduate and graduate education and discussed issues related to faculty, teaching, students, long-term planning, and fundraising within that framework.

Workshop leaders included: Guillermo Ferreyra, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Louisiana State University; Lawrence Gray, head of the School of Mathematics, University of Minnesota; and David Manderscheid, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

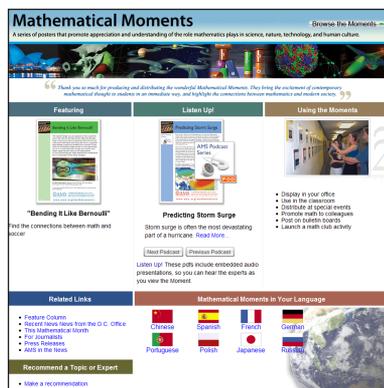
The Department Chairs Workshop is an annual event hosted by the AMS prior to the start of the Joint Meetings. Past workshop sessions have focused on a range of issues facing departments today, including personnel issues (staff and faculty), long-range planning, hiring, promotion and tenure, budget management, assessments, outreach, stewardship, junior faculty development, communication, and departmental leadership.

If you are interested in attending a future workshop, please look for registration information sent out in advance of the Joint Meetings or contact the AMS Washington office at amsdc@ams.org.

—Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington office

From the AMS Public Awareness Office

• **Mathematical Moments.** The Web portal is redesigned for users to find all Mathematical Moments grouped by topic, with podcasts, and translated into other languages at <http://www.ams.org/mathmoments>.



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• **Headlines & Deadlines.** AMS members may sign up to receive twice-monthly email notifications of news; announcements about programs, publications and events; as well as alerts about deadlines for fellow-

ship and grant applications, calls for proposals, and meeting registrations. The service provides a convenient way to have news that is posted on the AMS page—and some announcements and deadlines before they appear in the *Notices*—delivered directly to you. It's easy to subscribe (and unsubscribe) at <http://www.ams.org/enews>.

• **Feature Column.** Recent columns include “What Is the Length of a Year on Planet Sitnikov?” by Bill Casselman, “Random Numbers: Nothing Left to Chance” by David Austin, and “The Process of Electing a President” by Joe Malkevitch at <http://www.ams.org/featurecolumn/>.

—Annette Emerson and Mike Breen, AMS Public Awareness Officers, paoffice@ams.org

Deaths of AMS Members

WILLIAM L. DUREN JR., retired professor from the University of Virginia, died on April 4, 2008. Born on November 10, 1905, he was a member of the Society for 78 years.

MARVIN FREEDMAN, professor from Boston University, died on April 26, 2007. Born on October 4, 1939, he was a member of the Society for 42 years.

ESFIR JOS-GERSH GOLDENGERSHEL, from Haifa, Israel, died in 2007. Born on December 20, 1920, she was a member of the Society for 11 years.

MICHAEL GOLOMB, professor emeritus from Purdue University, died on April 9, 2008. Born on May 3 1909, he was a member of the Society for 68 years.

TAKASHI KIZUKA, professor from Kyushu University, Japan, died on February 6, 2008. Born on February 14, 1952, he was a member of the Society for 9 years.

DENNIS S. KLUK, from Skokie, IL, died on September 2, 2007. Born on April 15, 1946, he was a member of the Society for 15 years.

MAURICE MACHOVER, professor from St. John's University, died on November 13, 2007. Born on December 5, 1931, he was a member of the Society 45 years.

MERLE E. MANIS, retired, from the University of Montana, died on March 11, 2008. Born on August 20, 1934, he was a member of the Society for 47 years.

ROBERT M. MASON, from Schoolhouse Press, Peterborough, NH, died on April 5, 2008. Born on May 27, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 51 years.

AUDREY W. McMILLAN, professor from Sedgwick, ME, died on January 10, 2008. Born on July 7, 1914, she was a member of the Society for 70 years.

MURRAY H. PROTTER, former treasurer of the AMS and retired professor from the University of California, Berkeley, died on May 1, 2008. Born in February 1918, he was a member of the Society for 67 years.

STANLEY RICHARDSON, professor from the University of Edinburgh, died on March 12, 2008. Born on May 11, 1943, he was a member of the Society for 28 years.

JAN S. ROGULSKI, professor from Warsaw, Poland, died on October 29, 2007. Born on March 9, 1951, he was a member of the Society for 17 years.

GENE F. ROSE, professor emeritus from California State University, Fullerton, died on May 8, 2008. Born on March 15, 1918, he was a member of the Society for 64 years.

JOSE SOUSA RAMOS, professor from the Technical University of Lisbon, died on January 1, 2007. Born on August 30, 1948, he was a member of the Society for 22 years.

MEIR STEINBERGER, from Haifa, Israel, died on March 5, 2008. Born on January 29, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 43 years.

ROBERT E. STONG, emeritus professor from the University of Virginia, died on April 10, 2008. Born on August 23, 1936, he was a member of the Society for 49 years.

AKIRA TSUTSUMI, professor from Okayama University, Japan, died on November 17, 2007. Born on September 9, 1932, he was a member of the Society for 37 years.