
most of the interviews, a few contain hidden gems of mathematicians singing folk songs, performing operatic arias, and playing musical instruments.

Through the American Mathematical Society some funds were made available for the translation of the Russian-language material so that it would be accessible to the international community, but many more still need to be addressed before the site can assemble a complete English-language archive. To help in continuing to make the collection accessible to researchers, the library is asking those who listen to the interviews to contribute lists of the topics they contain, as well as transcripts or translations, to rareref@cornell.edu. More information can be found at <http://communications.library.cornell.edu/news/111107/dynkin>.

—From a Cornell University press release

Correction

The February issue of the *Notices* carried a review of the film *Top Secret Rosies*; the reviewer was Judy Green. Due to an editing error, the final footnote of the review was garbled. As a result, the first sentence of the last paragraph was imprecise. The point of that sentence is the following: While things are better for women, mathematicians and others, than they were in the 1940s, it took about fifty years for the original programmers of the ENIAC to be recognized.

The *Notices* regrets this error.

—Sandy Frost

Inside the AMS

AMS Hosts Congressional Briefing

Mathematics and stents was the subject of a congressional briefing hosted by the AMS on December 6, 2011. The Capitol Hill presentation, titled “Mathematics: Leading the Way for New Options in the Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease”, was given by Suncica Canic of the University of Houston.

Coronary artery disease is a precursor for heart attack, the number one killer in the United States. Treatment of this disease entails inserting a stent to keep the coronary arteries open. Patient-specific decisions on the choice of a particular stent tailored to a given patient’s anatomy are not common practice. This presentation showed how mathematics provides a quick and inexpensive way to make patient-specific decisions by testing the stent’s behavior prior to the insertion into a patient’s coronary artery. Prescribing mathematical and computer simulations, in addition to prescribing a blood test and angiogram, is the future of personalized medicine.

An AMS “Mathematical Moments”, titled “Improving Stents” and encapsulating this research, is available at <http://www.ams.org/samplings/mathmoments/mm72-stent.pdf>.

The AMS holds annual congressional briefings as a means to communicate information to policymakers. Speakers discuss the importance of mathematics research and present their work in layman’s terms to congressional staff as a way to inform members of Congress of how mathematics impacts today’s important issues.

—Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington office

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Mathematics History: AMS Books and Resources. See links to AMS Books (History of Mathematics Series, Collected Works Series, AMS Chelsea Publishing Series and Non-Series Books); Free Online Books (on American Mathematical Society and mathematical history); Free Online Resources (AMS Presidents: A Timeline, This Mathematical Month, Feature Column); and articles on mathematics history and mathematicians from *Notices of the AMS* at <http://www.ams.org/samplings/math-history/math-history>.

PhD + epsilon. Early-career mathematician Adriana Salerno blogs about her experiences and challenges. Recent topics include pretenure reviews, mathematicians in unlikely places, grading, and using Skype. She welcomes comments from mathematicians at all levels. See <http://blogs.ams.org/phdplus/>.

AMS on social networks. As part of the AMS commitment to the open flow of communications and community engagement, the Society uses several social networking tools to supplement the channels currently in place for press, members, and general communication. AMS members are invited to follow the AMS and connect with colleagues on AMS Facebook, AMS Twitter, and AMS LinkedIn. Link to all at <http://www.ams.org/about-us/social>.

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