
For Your Information

Peter Goddard Named IAS Director

The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in Princeton has announced that Peter Goddard will become its eighth director as of January 1, 2004. Goddard, a mathematical physicist, is currently master of St. John's College at the University of Cambridge, where he also serves as a professor of theoretical physics in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

Goddard's research work is in the areas of string theory and conformal field theory. He has also developed extensive skills as an administrator. He played a key role in the creation and establishment of the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, which opened in July 1992, and served as its first deputy director during 1991-94.

Goddard will succeed the current IAS director, Phillip Griffiths, who will become a permanent member of the IAS School of Mathematics.

—Allyn Jackson

James Carlson Named Clay Institute President

James A. Carlson of the University of Utah has been appointed president of the Clay Mathematics Institute (CMI), effective August 2003.

Carlson received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1971. Prior to joining the mathematics department at the University of Utah in 1975, Carlson held positions of assistant professor at Stanford University (1971-73) and Brandeis University (1973-75). His research interests span the areas of analysis, complex geometry, and topology.

Carlson succeeds Arthur Jaffe, of Harvard University, who stepped down from the post in late 2002.

The CMI is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to increasing and disseminating mathematical knowledge.

—Allyn Jackson

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