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AMS Archives Journals with Portico

The AMS has begun electronic archiving of eleven of its journals with Portico, a long-term archive of digital scholarly e-journals.

Portico began in 2002 as an outgrowth of JSTOR. The initial impetus was the need for a sustainable model for electronic archiving; JSTOR, by contrast, is a service that offers Internet access to journals. After extensive development of appropriate technology as well as many discussions with publishers and librarians, Portico was launched in 2005. It receives support from JSTOR, Ithaca Harbors, the Library of Congress, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Portico will provide archival storage for the AMS journals and will also migrate the journals to upgraded systems as needed. Other participating publishers are Berkeley Electronic Press, Elsevier, John Wiley & Sons, Symposium Journals, and United Kingdom Serials Group. For more information on Portico, visit the website <http://www.portico.org>.

—Allyn Jackson

Department Chairs Workshop

The AMS hosted a one-day workshop for mathematical sciences department chairs at the 2006 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Antonio, Texas. This year's workshop focused on a number of areas of importance to department chairs, including: utilizing resources in tight budget environments, departmental assessment and long-range planning, evaluation and development of faculty and staff, and department engagement within and outside the institution. Over thirty-five department chairs and leaders came together to share ideas and experiences in a form of department chair therapy, thus creating an environment that enabled attendees to address departmental matters from new perspectives.

Workshop leaders included: Krishnaswami Alladi, chair at the University of Florida; Deanna Caveny, chair at College of Charleston; David Manderscheid, chair at the University of Iowa; and Peter March, chair at the Ohio State University.

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

Those interested in attending a future workshop should look for registration information sent out in advance of the Joint Meetings or contact the AMS Washington Office at amsdc@ams.org.

—AMS Washington Office

Correction

The article “The Incompleteness Theorem” by Martin Davis in the April 2006 *Notices* included an error on the last page. The sentence “For $A \subseteq V(G)$ we write $GA = \{y \mid \exists x \in A \text{ say that } (x, y) \text{ is an edge of } G\}$.” should have read “For $A \subseteq V(G)$ we write $GA = \{y \mid \exists x \in A \text{ such that } (x, y) \text{ is an edge of } G\}$.” The word “say” was erroneously substituted for the word “such”.

—Sandy Frost

Deaths of AMS Members

ADHIR K. BASU of Calcutta University, died in April 2005. Born on September 10, 1941, he was a member of the Society for 25 years.

JAAK LOHMUS, research associate, Tartu University, Estonia, died on February 23, 2006. Born on September 28, 1937, he was a member of the Society for 8 years.

PERE RODRIGUEZ MUMBRU, assistant professor, University of Barcelona, died in July 2005. Born on November 19, 1955, he was a member of the Society for 15 years.

CHANDRA S. SHARMA, retired, from London, England, died in December 2005. Born on June 17, 1933, he was a member of the Society for 30 years.

JAMES G. WENDEL, retired, from Portland, OR, died on January 16, 2006. Born on April 18, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.

BENJAMIN YANDELL, a writer from Pasadena, CA, died on August 25, 2004. Born on March 16, 1951, he was a member of the Society for 5 years.