Nominations sought for the 2011 Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

As a result of a generous donation from the van der Poorten family, applications for the 2011 Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship are now invited, subject to the following rules. Prospective applicants should visit the Society's website at www.austms.org.au/Alf+van+der+Poorten+Travelling+Fellowship for an application template before submitting an application electronically to the selection committee at van.der.poorten@austms.org.au by 16 May 2011.

The members of the selection committee are: Professor Andrew Mathas (Chair), Associate Professor Peter Stacey and Professor Peter Taylor.

Rules for Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowships

1. The Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship is offered annually to researchers who have obtained their PhD in pure mathematics from an Australian university.

2. To be eligible to apply, a candidate must have qualified for their PhD within two years of the closing date and they must not have previously been awarded the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship. Applicants must have been members of the Society for at least twelve months at the time of application. (Backdating of membership to the previous year is not sufficient.)

3. One Fellowship will be awarded each year, unless no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Fellowship shall be awarded.

4. The Society will establish a selection committee to make recommendations to Council on the award of the fellowship.

5. Applications for the Fellowship should include the completed application form, with a travel and research plan, a budget (at most one page), a full CV and a letter from the awarding institution confirming when the applicant qualified for the award of their PhD. Applications should be sent to van.der.poorten@austms.org.au by 16 May in the year of the award.

6. The applicant should arrange for letters of support from two experts in their field to be sent to the committee care of van.der.poorten@austms.org.au.

7. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of $5000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research and travel activities, the need for support and the research track record of the applicant relative to opportunity.

8. The Selection Committee reserves the right to consult with appropriate assessors.

9. In applying for a van der Poorten Fellowship, applicants agree that if they are successful, then their names, a citation and photograph can be published on the web pages and in journals of the Society.

10. The fellowships will be awarded, in the first instance, every year from 2011 to 2030. The amount of the award may be increased in consultation with the family of Alf van der Poorten.

The 2011 Australian Mathematical Society Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2011 Australian Mathematical Society Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal. The Australian Mathematical Society Medal will be awarded to a member of the Society for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences.

For further information, please contact (preferably by email) the Chair of the 2011 Medal Committee, Associate Professor B.H. Andrews, Centre for Mathematics and its Applications, ANU, ACT 0200 (email: ben.andrews@maths.anu.edu.au).

Nominations should be received by 1 June 2011.

See www.austms.org.au/The+Australian+Mathematical+Society+Medal for the Medal rules and a list of past winners.

Nominations sought for the 2011 AustMS Best Paper Prize

The 2011 AustMS Best Paper Prize Selection Committee is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this prize. This is a newly established prize, and this year the award will be for a publication in Pure Mathematics. In 2012 it will be for a publication in Applied Mathematics and in 2013 for one in Statistics. Thereafter the prize will rotate between these three areas in a three-year cycle.

Each award will be for a single article, monograph or book consisting of original research, and published in the six calendar years preceding the year of the award.

To be eligible for the award of the Best Paper Prize, a publication must have at least one author who meets the following conditions:

(i) he/she must be a member of the Society, and must have been a member of the Society for the calendar year at the time of publication of the paper (back-dating of membership is not allowed);

(ii) he/she must be normally resident in Australia, and must have been normally resident in Australia at the time when the research was carried out.

In the case of publications with multiple authors, the prize will be shared by all authors. The existence of authors who do not meet the conditions above will not preclude this award, although the Selection Committee may take it into account in assessing the achievement of the author(s) who do meet those conditions.

The Selection Committee may deem a publication ineligible if an author has previously received an award from the Australian Mathematical Society for a body of research which included the publication in question.

A publication may be nominated for the award by any member of the Society who is not an author of that publication.

Nominators should provide a brief (1–2 pages) summary of what makes the nominated publication important and original, with appropriate references to prior or subsequent work in the field. These should be sent by email to the Chair of the selection committee, and all nominations should be received via email by 30 June 2011.

The Selection Committee may consult with appropriate external assessors.

For further information, please email the Chair of the 2011 AustMS Best Paper Prize Selection Committee, Professor Mathai Varghese, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Adelaide, Adelaide 5005 (mathai.varghese@adelaide.edu.au).

The Prize will be announced at the 55th AustMS annual meeting held at University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia, 26–29 September 2011.

The other members of the 2011 AustMS Best Paper Prize Selection Committee are:
    Incoming Chair: Professor Andrew Bassom
    Pre-incoming Chair: Professor Peter Hall
    One-year member: Dr Anthony Henderson
    One-year member: Professor John Hutchinson

Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of Council

Officers of Council

Nominations are invited for the following Officers for the Session commencing after the Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2011.

One Vice-President and one President-Elect. Note: According to Paragraph 34 (i) of the AustMS Constitution, after the AGM in September 2011, Professor P.G. Taylor will continue in office as the President, and Professor N. Joshi steps down as Immediate-Past-President, and is not eligible for immediate re-election as a Vice-President.

According to Paragraph 34 (ii), Professor A.P. Mathas steps down as Elected Vice-President, and is not eligible for immediate re-election to that office.

According to Paragraph 34 (iii), the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by Council at its September 2011 meeting.

The present Officers of the Society are:
  President: P.G. Taylor
  Immediate-Past-President: N. Joshi
  Vice-President: A.P. Mathas
  Secretary: P.J. Stacey
  Treasurer: A. Howe.

Ordinary Members of Council

The present elected Ordinary Members of Council are:

(1) Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in September 2011
  - M. Giudici
  - A. Henderson
  - J. Ramagge.

(2) Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in September 2012
  - J.M. Borwein
  - B.M. Maenhaut
  - A. Ram

(3) Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in September 2013
  - F. Larusson
  - M. O'Reilly

Accordingly, nominations are invited for three positions as Ordinary Members of Council, who shall be elected for a term of three consecutive sessions. Note that according to Paragraph 34(iv) of the Constitution, M. Giudici, A. Henderson and J. Ramagge are not eligible for re-election at this time as Ordinary Members. Paragraph 35 of the Constitution requires that the elected Officers and elected members of Council shall include residents from all the States and the ACT. Accordingly, nominations for the two Officers and three Ordinary Members must include a member from Western Australia to satisfy this.

To comply with the Constitution (see Paragraphs 61 and 64), all nominations should be signed by two members of the Society and by the nominee who shall also be a Member of the Society.

Nominations should reach the Secretary (whose name and address appear inside the back cover of the Gazette) no later than Friday 24 June 2011.

Alternatively, members are encouraged to send informal suggestions to the Nominations and Publications Committee, by emailing the Secretary at
Secretary@austms.org.au.

For the information of members, the following persons are presently ex-officio members of Council for the Session 2010–2011.

Vice President (Chair of ANZIAM):	T.R. Marchant
Vice President (Annual Conferences):	R. Zhang
Representative of ANZIAM:	P. Broadbridge
Public Officer of AustMS and AMPAI:	P.J. Cossey
Chair, Standing Committee on Mathematics Education:	L. Wood
AustMS member elected to Steering Committee:	J.H. Rubinstein

Editors: A.R. Albrecht and K. White (Gazette)
          D.E. Taylor (Bulletin)
          R. Moore (Electronic Site)
          M.G. Cowling (Journal of AustMS)
          C.E. Praeger (Lecture Series)
          A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking (ANZIAM Journal)
          A.J. Roberts (ANZIAM Journal Supplement)

The Constitution is available from the Society's web pages, at
http://www.austms.org.au/Constitution.

The 2012 ANZIAM Medal: call for nominations

Nominations are now sought for the ANZIAM medal, which is the premier award of ANZIAM, a division of the Australian Mathematical Society. Closing date: 31 October 2011.

Nominations for the Award can be made by any member of ANZIAM other than the nominee. A nomination should consist of a brief CV of the nominee, together with the nominee's list of publications and a one-page resumé of the significance of the nominee's work. Nominations should be forwarded, in confidence, to the Chair of the Selection Panel, Professor Jim Hill, University of Adelaide, email: jim.hill@adelaide.edu.au.

Further details of the application process and the award criteria are on the ANZIAM website: www.anziam.org.au.

The 2012 J.H. Michell Medal: call for nominations

Nominations are now sought for the J.H. Michell Medal, an award given in honour of John Henry Michell, by ANZIAM, a division of the Australian Mathematical Society. The award is for outstanding new researchers in applied and/or industrial mathematics. Closing date: 31 October 2011.

Nominations for the Award can be made by any member of ANZIAM other than the nominee. A nomination should consist of a brief CV of the nominee together with the nominee's list of publications and a one-page resumé of the significance of the nominee's work. Nominations should be forwarded, in confidence, to the Chair of the Selection Panel, Dr Carlo Laing, Massey University (Albany Campus), email: c.r.laing@massey.ac.nz.

Further details of the application process and the award criteria are on the ANZIAM website: www.anziam.org.au.

AustMS accreditation

The secretary announces the accreditation of Dr Stephen J. Keith of Macquarie Group as an Accredited Fellow (FAustMS).

Peter Stacey
AustMS Secretary
E-mail: P.Stacey@latrobe.edu.au

Peter Stacey joined La Trobe as a lecturer in 1975 and retired as an associate professor at the end of 2008 after many years as head of department and then associate dean. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research on C*-algebras and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.