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September 2009 – August 2010

2010: Goodbye to Simon

The Mathematics Department is very sorry to be saying goodbye to our Research Administrator, Simon Jolly, after more than 5 years in the department, spanning two different roles. We wish him all the best in his new job at LSE, in the External Programme Office.

2010: Advent Software Scholarship 2010/11

Congratulations to Charlene Mliswa, MSc Applicable Mathematics - Charlene is this year's recipient of the Advent Software Scholarship.

2010: Haya Freedman Prize 2009/10

Congratulations to Jacob Daniel Baron - winner of the Haya Freedman Prize for "Best Dissertation" 2009/10.

2010: Maths Class Teacher gives talk at MSOR Network Conference

LSE Mathematics class teacher, Meena Kotecha, gave a presentation at the the Maths, Stats & OR Network fifth annual Learning and Teaching Conference at the University of Birmingham. To find out more, [click here](#).

July 2010: 2010 Conference on Search Games and Rendezvous

The LSE 2010 Conference on Search Games and Rendezvous was held at the LSE this July, with participants from many countries. This year the conference was held in honour of the retirement of Anatole Beck, a leading figure in the development of the field. The conference received support from STICERD, the Mathematics Department and the Operational Research Group of the Department of Management. The conference was organized by Steve Alpern and Katerina Papadaki.

This year for the first time a contingent from the area of theoretical computer science attended the conference and showed the original group (from applied mathematics and operations research) the way rendezvous problems are treated in their field. Their group avoids the Bayesian assumptions about the original positions that the operations research people usually make. There was a flow of ideas between the two groups and plans were made for a larger conference to be held in Leiden in 2012.

The conference was held over two days, Friday and Saturday 2-3 July. The Friday morning session had talks on rendezvous search in one or two dimensions by John Howard (LSE), Adrian Kosowski (Gdansk University of Technology, Poland) and Leszek Gasieniec (Liverpool). A fourth talk on (asynchronous) rendezvous was given on Saturday by Jurek Czyzowicz (Université du Québec, Canada).

The Friday afternoon session had talks on search problems with an antagonistic or motiveless Hider, given by Steve Alpern (LSE), Anatole Beck (Wisconsin, USA) and Shmuel Gal (Haifa, Israel). These talks focused on new approaches to classical problems.

The Saturday session featured talks by Tom Lidbetter (LSE) on a caching game between a scatter-hoarder such as a squirrel and a pilferer, by Robbert Fokkink (TU Delft, Netherlands) on accumulation games and Katerina Papadaki (LSE) on patrolling games on networks.

December 2009: Congratulations to Dr Anne Balthasar

Anne was formally awarded her PhD in Mathematics at a presentation ceremony on Thursday 15th July. Anne was successfully examined for her PhD in December 2009 and was supervised by Anne. Anne was successfully examined for her PhD in December 2009 and was supervised by Prof Bernhard von Stengel. The Department would like to wish Anne all the best for the future.

Cyril Offord Prize 2009/10

Congratulations to Mei Lien Chew on winning the Cyril Offord Prize for outstanding performance in mathematics for 2009/10 on the BSc Mathematics and Economics. Mei Lien achieved an average of over 87% across the 12 units of courses she studied, with particularly noticeable scores such as 91% in MA310, 96% in MA203 and 95% in MA201, not to mention 99% for MA100 and 100% for ST102 in her first year with us.

Congratulations to our teaching prize winners

Our congratulations go to Dr Nicholas Cron, Mr Derek Wan and, for a fifth year in a row, to Dr Ioannis Kouletsis on winning three of the School's Graduate and Guest Teacher prizes 2010. These are awarded annually by LSE's Teaching and Learning Centre based on a number of factors, including the termly surveys of students' opinions of class teaching. Each of the three achieved excellent scores and received great student feedback.

We would like to thank all our class teachers for their excellent work over the last year.

LSE Maths goes green to win Gold

The LSE Mathematics Department has been awarded a Gold Standard in LSE's Green Impact project (part of the DEFRA-funded 'Degrees Cooler Programme').

The Mathematics of Machine Learning - Podcast

Prof Martin Anthony has recently been interviewed by the LSE Research Channel as part of a series of podcasts highlighting the diverse range of research carried out at LSE. In the podcast at the link above Prof Anthony discusses his field of research, machine learning, and explains what role mathematicians play in making computers less stupid.

Goodbye to Amol

we are sorry to announce that Amol Sasane has left the Mathematics Department, to join his family in Sweden. He will be greatly missed by all of us, and we wish him well in his new post.