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IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Ordinary Meeting, 18th April, 1984, 12.15 pm, DIAS

1. There were 11 members present. The President sent his apologies. The Chair was taken by P. Boland. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of 22nd December, 1984, were signed.
2. On the question of Department of Education postgraduate awards for those with a B.A. degree in Mathematical Sciences, it was reported that the President had written again to the Minister. The reply was again negative. The only course open to the Society was to try and have a Mathematician selected by his College as the College's representative on the advisory committee for these awards.
3. With regard to the Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition, it was reported that various members of the Society were working to encourage Mathematical projects. These included P. Boland, N. Buttimore, R. Timoney and also M. Brennan, although the latter had conveyed his regret that he could only devote a limited amount of time to the matter.
4. The Secretary reported that Professor J.L. Massera of Uruguay has been released from detention. The Society has established a policy of supporting the campaign for Massera's release (and also to support V. Kipnis of the USSR). The news of Massera's release came from the United Nations' Centre for Human Rights, from the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Peter Barry T.D., and from the International Campaign - Massera).

The latter Campaign has asked the Society to support a new campaign to support Yuri Orlov (Physicist) and Anatoly Scharansky (Computer Scientist) both imprisoned in the USSR. The next ordinary meeting will determine

the Society's response to this request.

5. A proposal from the Committee to change the Constitution was tabled. The effects are to simplify the procedures for admission to membership and to allow committee members (other than the officers) to serve for three two-year terms consecutively instead of three sessions as at present. This is to be voted on at the next Ordinary Meeting.
6. The Committee also tabled a proposal to amend the rules about when a member is deemed to have resigned, and to delete a redundant sentence in another rule. Details of the changes to the Constitution and rules are attached.
7. M. Clancy reported that negotiations on reciprocity with the IMTA were continuing. Also he had been asked by S. Close of the IMTA to seek the assistance of members of the Society for a Seminar for gifted pupils. The Secretary agreed to circulate details to the local representatives.
8. The proposal to elect N.N. Yanenko to ordinary membership lapsed due to the death of Professor Yanenko.

In response to a proposal from S. Dineen, D. McQuillan and T. Laffey, the Committee nominated Professor M. Kennedy (an ordinary member and formerly of University College Dublin) for honorary membership of the Society.

The following were formally nominated for ordinary membership: N. Shehan, L. Leyden, B. Goldsmith, V. Ryan, F. Harary, R. Geoghegan, R. Critchley, M. Ryan, N. O'hEigeartaigh, A. Brady, T. McGrane, W. Ruckle, A. Raftery, P. Perry.

These nominations will be voted upon at the next ordinary meeting.

9. It was reported that the Committee had agreed to the Society co-sponsoring (in name only) a conference called Protext I, organised by J. Miller, among other conferences. The meeting approved of this decision.
10. The Secretary reported on correspondence he had had with the London Mathematical Society with a view to establishing co-operation between the LMS and IMS. This resulted in a proposal that there be a joint LMS/IMS two-day meeting in Ireland in 1986. The Secretary agreed to solicit suggestions about this meeting from members.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Change paragraph 2 to read:

"Any person may apply to the Treasurer for membership by paying one year's membership fee. His admission to membership must then be confirmed by the Committee of the Society. Candidates for honorary membership may be nominated by the Committee only, following a proposal of at least three members of the Society. Nominations for honorary membership must be made at one Ordinary Meeting of the Society and voted upon at the next, a simple majority of the members present being necessary for election."

Change paragraph 5, 2nd sentence to read:

"No person may serve as an additional member for more than three terms consecutively."

Rules

Paragraph 2, change to:

"Ordinary members whose subscriptions are more than eighteen months in arrears shall be deemed to have

resigned from the Society."

Paragraph 5, delete first sentence.

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12th June 1984

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Dr Des Fanning, Maynooth College, Co. Kildare
Dr A.E. Raftery, Trinity College, Dublin
Mr Pat Perry, University College Dublin
Mr J.G. Kelleher, Regional Technical College, Cork

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Prof. W. Ruckle, Clemson University, U.S.A.
Dr P. Dolan, Imperial College, London
Dr R. Friel, Trinity College, Dublin
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF IRISH NATIONAL MATHEMATICS CONTEST 1984

The Sixth Irish National Mathematics Contest was held on Tuesday, February 28, 1984, and attracted 1,634 entries from 84 schools as against 1,797 entries from 116 schools last year.

To judge by the results received so far, this year's contest was harder than last year's. Only 21 contestants managed to score 80 or more marks; nobody scored in excess of 99. Two of the 21 are girls.

The winner is:

Ronan Waldron,
Gonzaga College,
Sandford Road,
Ranelagh,
Dublin 6.

Ronan scored 98 marks. To note his achievement, he will be presented with an Award Pin by the Mathematical Association of America.

The highest team score - the sum of the highest three scores by individual contestants from the same school - was returned by

Presentation Brothers College,
Western Road,
Cork.

The winning team, composed of David J. Barry, Gerard Daly and Michael K. Tyrell, scored a total of 263 marks.

The ranking of the top 10 contestants is shown in the Roll of Honour overleaf: