Three new projects have recently been funded by the MSOR Network, these are:

Validity and value of forms of assessment in mathematics at university level
Project team: Paola Iannone, University of East Anglia and Adrian Simpson, Durham University.
This project aims to determine how forms of assessment measure what we value, and whether students recognise this.

Supporting students studying advanced calculus using screenshots
Project team: Camilla Jordan and Cath Wilkins, the Open University, Birgit Loch Swinburne University of Technology/University of Southern Queensland and Tim Lowe and Ben Mestel the Open University.
The aim of the project is to produce and evaluate digital resources to support students studying courses requiring advanced calculus skills.

What’s hard about Analysis?
Project team: John Talyor and Jorj Kowszun, the University of Brighton
The aim of this project is to achieve a better understanding of the learning experiences of students in the early stages of a Mathematics degree with a particular focus on some aspects of Basic Analysis.

On the 6th and 7th September 2010, the Maths, Stats & OR Network will be hosting its fifth annual learning and teaching conference, at the University of Birmingham, organised in conjunction with the related Centres of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs).
The call for abstracts is now open and full details appear on the back cover of this issue of MSOR Connections. Abstracts for posters, demonstrations, workshops and full papers be made by Friday 4th June 2010.

Plans are underway for the Maths, Stats & OR Network Induction Course for New Lecturers 2010 which will, based on positive feedback from delegates, once again be hosted by the School of Mathematics, University of Birmingham. Sessions will cover approaches to teaching mathematics including lectures and example classes, as well as using technology to enhance education and an introduction to education research.
The fee for attending this event is £119.00 which includes accommodation and refreshments on both days, booking form and full programme details available soon.

Nominations are being sought for the award of two personal prizes to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of mathematics and statistics support. The personal prizes of £1,000 will be awarded by a specially convened Panel. One prize will be to a person who has made a sustained contribution and one to a person who has made a notable contribution early in their career. The prize will be awarded at the 2010 CETL-MSOR Conference. The closing date for nominations is the 21 May 2010.

For further details, please visit: http://www.sigma-cetl.ac.uk/prizes