Welcome to the May 2006 issue of MSOR Connections, the newsletter of the Maths, Stats & OR Network, that contains information on the learning and teaching of Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research within Higher Education.

The proposal to increase the supply of mathematical sciences graduates, with which the Network is involved, was submitted to HEFCE at the end of April, and we eagerly await an announcement in June as to whether it will be funded. On behalf of the Project Steering Committee, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the development of this proposal and who have expressed their support and commitment to it.

The Network is currently developing its events and activities for 2006/2007, and so if there is an area where you feel that the network should target support, or if you have an idea for a workshop or an event that you would like us to offer, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am pleased once again to see a wide-range of articles within MSOR Connections from across the entire community, and I particularly welcome the contributions from our colleagues overseas. If you are involved in any good practice, or would be willing to share your views and ideas on any aspect of teaching, learning and assessment in the form of an article for distribution to over 1500 people worldwide, then once again, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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