Recognition for Mathematics in the New Years Honours List

Dr. Peter Neumann, Lecturer in Mathematics and Fellow of the Queen’s College has been awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to education. Peter has served as Chairman of the UK Mathematics Trust and President of the British Society for the History of Mathematics (BSHM). His award is well deserved and reflects his ongoing support for Mathematics education.

National Teaching Fellowship Scheme (NTFS) 2008

Nominations for the national teaching fellowship scheme (individual strand) 2008 are now open. The individual strand of the NTFS recognises and rewards individual excellence in teaching in higher education in England and Northern Ireland. Fifty individual awards of £10,000 will be made to recognise individual excellence. The award may be used for Fellows’ personal and/or professional development in teaching and learning and aspects of pedagogy.

The nomination guidelines and application pack are available to download from: http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/professional/ntfs/individual

Workshop: Mathematicians and Educationalists: How can we collaborate?

19 March 2008, Warwick

Following on from the success of the workshop held last year, the Maths, Stats & OR Network and the Mathematics Institute at the University of Warwick will once again be running a one-day meeting to bring together Mathematicians and Mathematics Educators. Further details on this event can be found on page 39 of this issue of MSOR Connections.

Revised MSOR Subject Benchmark Statement now Online

The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) subject benchmark statements set out expectations about standards of degrees in a range of subject areas. They describe what gives a discipline its coherence and identity, and define what can be expected of a graduate in terms of the abilities and skills needed to develop understanding or competence in the subject.

The original MSOR subject benchmark statement was published in 2002 after wide consultation across the sector, and in 2007, the QAA invited the MSOR community to review the statement. The revised MSOR statement has just been published and can be accessed online: http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/honours/default.asp.

The 2007 Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey, carried out by the Higher Education Academy, is based on responses from over 10,000 students in 58 universities across the United Kingdom. Its results were published in late 2007. It reveals that students are positive about their overall experience and the way in which they have developed research skills. The survey also gives insights into which aspects of postgraduate study students consider the most important.

The full results from the survey can be found online at: http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ourwork/research/surveys/pres