Announcing Connect

The MSOR Network has a new monthly electronic update - 'Connect' - which gives information on events, activities and funding opportunities. To access the latest issues please visit http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/networkupdates.

CETL – MSOR Conference 2008

On the 8th and 9th September 2008, the Maths, Stats & OR Network will be hosting its third annual conference in conjunction with the related Centres of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs). The Conference will take place at Lancaster University and will be hosted by the Postgraduate Statistics Centre.

The conference builds upon the enormous success of CETL-MSOR 2007, and will offer a range of keynote speeches, plenary sessions, hands-on demonstrations, workshops, and poster sessions. A call for abstracts is now open, and further details, including the conference themes, are available as a pull-out poster within this issue of MSOR Connections. Please display this poster in a prominent location within your department.

Update of MSOR Connections Mailing List

The Maths, Stats & OR Network is currently updating its electronic database systems in order to enhance the way we communicate with the mathematical sciences community. As the Network database is moving to a new system, we need to ask all individuals currently stored on the database (including those who receive MSOR Connections) for permission to transfer their details; this aligns with current UK Data Protection Legislation.

In order to continue receiving MSOR Connections action is required. There are two ways to update your details:

1. By signing and returning (in the pre-paid envelope provided) the appropriate section on the back the leader sheet that came with this issue of MSOR Connections and contains your name and address details;
2. By visiting http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/newsletter and re-submitting your details using the online form provided.

We will issue a reminder with the August issue of MSOR Connections, but if you do not update your details before the 17th October 2008 then you will no longer receive copies of this newsletter.

Upcoming workshops

Assessment in Mathematics (9 May 2008, Open University, Milton Keynes)
The Maths, Stats & OR Network, in conjunction with the Centre for Open Learning of Mathematics, Science, Computing and Technology (COLMST), have organised a one-day workshop to explore issues around assessment in mathematical sciences programmes. Further details, including a full programme, are available at: http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/workshops.

Developing graduate and employability skills within a mathematical sciences programme (23 June 2008, The University of Nottingham)
The Maths, Stats & OR Network and the Centre for Integrative Learning at the University of Nottingham have organised a one-day workshop to explore skills development within mathematical sciences programmes. The workshop will take place on 23rd June 2008 at the University of Nottingham. Further details, including a full programme, are available at: http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/workshops.

Additional Mini-Project Funding Opportunity

The Maths, Stats & OR Network is offering funding for a project to facilitate collaboration between mathematicians in HE mathematics departments and researchers in mathematics education. Up to £3500 is available.

The proposal must be a collaboration between at least one mathematics education researcher and a member of staff in an HE mathematics department. It should propose research questions relevant to the teaching of mathematics in Higher Education, propose a methodology for beginning to address these, and detail how the results of this work will be disseminated. The expected outcomes should be directly relevant to colleagues teaching mathematics within Higher Education.

Further details, including an application form, can be found by visiting: http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/funding. The closing date for all applications is the 30th May 2008.