

NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 8th February 2002

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UoC ENROLMENT BRIEFING

There will be a briefing on enrolment for any staff who wish to attend in the Council Room, Level 6, Registry - Tuesday 12 February at 10.00am.

SEMINAR

Dr Elchanan Mossel, Microsoft Research, USA, will give a Seminar - "Phase Transitions in Phylogeny" - on Tuesday 12th February at 1.30pm.

BRITISH ACADEMICS SEEK 13% PAY RISE

British university lecturers are to seek a 13% pay rise in a joint pay claim from the Association of University Teachers (AUT) and the Natfhe. It is the first time the two unions - which together represent 62,000 British academics - have made a joint pay claim. They say the pay rise is needed to prevent a recruitment and retention crisis that would prevent universities reaching the government's target of 50% participation in university education by 2010. As well as the 13% pay rise, the claim also calls for a minimum starting salary of £24,000; a professorial minimum of £42,000; a rise in hourly paid rates by the same average as full-time salaries; and, action to close the gender pay gap. The claim has yet to be endorsed by the memberships.

PUBLISHED PAPER

Douglas Bridges and Ayan Mahalanobis, 'Bounded variation implies regulated: a constructive proof', Journal of Symbolic Logic 66 (4), 2001, 1695-1700.

HAPPY MATHEMATICAL NEW YEAR

Three fourths of the time, the year has 365 days. So we take these THREE digits and raise them to their FOURTH powers, and add, and what do we get...?

Bill Taylor

PUZZLE CORNER

Calculate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [\sin(\tan x) - \tan(\sin x)] / x^7$

Bill Taylor