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CONFERENCE FUNDS

Ulises Carcamo to attend and give a talk on "Mathematical Aspects of the Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH)" at the Wellington-Manawatu Applied Maths Conference on 5th September 2003.

David Wall to present a paper at the conference "Progress in Electromagnetics Research Symposium PIER 2003", 13-16 October, in Hawaii.

Irene Hudson to attend and present a talk at the 5th Australian Peptide Conference in Queensland, Oct. 5-10, 2003.

Qui Bui

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

- 1) Dominic Lee for being granted a University of Canterbury internal grant: Application-optimal inference: *Developing practical statistical solutions that respect and exploit application realities.*
- 2) David Wall, Ashley Garill and Tim David for a University of Canterbury Postdoctoral Fellowship: *Mathematical modeling of endothelial calcium in atherogenesis.*

- 3) Dr Ashley Garill, Prof. Tim David and David Wall for being granted a targeted PhD scholarship for a student to research into atherogenesis. Any potential PhD student interested in researching in this area should contact David Wall.

Charles Semple

UPDATE FROM GABRIELA POPA

I am at a Summer School organised by the Italian Government, in Cortona, subject Numerical Analysis, between 10-30 August. I was lucky to receive one of the 6 fellowships offered by them. The course is shared by Professor Olof B. Widlund, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences NYU and Professor Luca F. Pavarino, University of Milano. The conditions of weather, research, and accommodation are excellent.

Gabriela Popa

DEPARTMENTAL VISITORS

<u>Current Visitors</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Ext. No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Assoc. Prof. Peter Lockhart	Massey University	616	8876	6-Oct-03	20-Oct-04
Richard Laugesen , Prof	University of Illinois	710	7694	14-Jul-03	31-Mar-04
Gyou-Bong Lee , Prof	Paichai University, Korea	502	7663	15-Jul-03	14-Jul-04
Brian Sleeman , Prof (Erskine Visitor)	University of Leeds	614	6699	17-Jul-03	25-Aug-03
Adrian lordache , Mr	University of Illinois	522	7695	1-Aug-03	31-Apr-04

<u>Visitors due to arrive</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Visit Date</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Ext. No.</u>
James Oxley , Prof	Louisiana State University, U.S.A	25-Aug-03	620	7431
Geoff Whittle , Prof	Victoria University, Wellington	25-Aug-03	620	7431
Gaven Martin , Prof	University of Auckland	1-Sep-03	602	7687

JOKES

ROMANCE MATHEMATICS

Smart man + smart woman = romance

Smart man + dumb woman = affair

Dumb man + smart woman = marriage

Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

OFFICE ARITHMETIC

Smart boss + smart employee = profit

Smart boss + dumb employee = production

Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion

Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

SHOPPING MATHS

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Neil Watson