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CONFERENCE FUNDS

Graeme Wake to attend the Delta03 conference in 22-27th November.

Qui Bui

RESEARCH INITIATIVES FUNDS

Congratulations to the following colleagues, who were successful in the recent round of applications for the Research Initiatives funds.

Jennifer Brown for funding to support a visit by Professor Mary Christman from University of Washington.

Bob Broughton and Easaw Chacko for funding for the project "Mathematical Education Research - Construction, Implementation, Testing of a Web-based Self-Testing Process to assist students in learning basic mathematics".

Qui Bui

DR(!!!) GARRY TEE, AUCKLAND

Garry is to receive an honorary doctorate for his services to Mathematics, especially the History of Mathematics in New Zealand from the Auckland University of Technology in October. Garry is a colourful figure in the NZ Mathematical Scene and it is fitting that AUT honour one of the most notable figures from one of its predecessor institutions-Seddon

Memorial Technical College, previously on the present AUT site in downtown Auckland. Garry is, as a result of this honour, the subject of an article by Professor Les Woods, Oxford (also a graduate of SMTC) and myself in the next issue of "Mathematics Today (UK)", to appear in October.

Graeme Wake

PAPERS

Ulises Carcamo and Graeme Wake are attending and presenting papers at the 6th Wellington-Manawatu Applied Mathematics Conference in Wellington, 5th September. Their talks are:

Ulises Carcamo - "Mathematical Aspects of the Efficient Markets Hypothesis",

Graeme Wake - "Solution of the Cauchy Problem for the Convection-Diffusion Equation".

Nearly 30 applied mathematicians are attending.

The previous day Graeme is leading the Industrial Mathematics Marketing Roadshow (aimed at Industry) in Wellington. A similar event will happen in Christchurch around 4-5th December.

Graeme Wake

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS

Gabriela Popa successfully defended her thesis on "A theoretical constructivisation of mathematical economics" in Munich, Germany, with all three examiners present. After enjoying the summer over there, Gabriela is now back to get the final version of her thesis bound and depositing it in the Library etc.

Gunter Steinke

GRANDCHILD NO. 3

Grandchild number 3 arrived safely on Friday afternoon (29th) in Wellington. Clayton Wake is doing well, mother Emily Wake likewise. He's 3.5 kg, but has shown little interest in applied mathematics so far!

Lil and I now think that if we'd known how good grandchildren are, we'd have had them first!!

Graeme Wake

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-Mac-04
Gyou-Bong Lee , Prof	Paichai University, Korea	502	7663	15-Jul-03	14-Jul-04
Adrian Iordache , Mr	University of Illinois	522	7695	1-Aug-03	31-Apr-04
Gaven Martin , Prof	University of Auckland	602	7687	1-Sep-03	5-Sep-03

<u>Visitors due to arrive</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Ext. No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Burkard Polster , Dr	Monash University	602	7687	15-Sep-03	20-Sep-03

NEW POSTGRADUATE STUDENT

The department welcomes Tobias Thierer from the University of Tübingen, Germany. Tobias joined us on 1st September 2003 for a year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Ext. No.</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	
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