Mathematics People

Schramm, Agrawal Receive Clay Awards

The Clay Mathematics Institute has presented its Clay Research Awards for 2002 to ODED SCHRAMM, Microsoft Corporation, and MANINDRA AGRAWAL, Indian Institute of Technology. According to the prize citations, Schramm was selected "for his work in combining analytic power with geometric insight in the field of random walks, percolation, and probability theory in general, especially for formulating stochastic Loewner evolution." Agrawal was chosen "for finding, jointly with two undergraduate students, an algorithm that solves a modern version of a problem going back to the ancient Chinese and Greeks: how can one determine whether a number is prime in a time that increases polynomially with the size of the number?" The awards were presented on October 30, 2002, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

-From a Clay Institute announcement

NRC-Ford Foundation Minority Fellowships Awarded

The names of the recipients of Ford Foundation Minority Fellowships for 2002 have been announced. The fellowship programs are administered by the National Research Council for the purpose of increasing the presence of underrepresented groups among faculty members in colleges and universities. The recipients were selected from a field of about 1,000 applicants, based on merit and promise of future achievement. Michael Luis Ortiz of the University of Texas, Austin, was awarded a Predoctoral Fellowship. He is a student in the field of applications of mathematics.

-From an NRC announcement

French Academy of Sciences Elections

Nine mathematicians have been elected to the French Academy of Sciences in 2001–2002. They are: Gérard Berry, Centre de Mathématiques Appliqués at Sophia-Antipolis; Jean-Marc Fontaine, Institut Universitaire de France; Gilles Pisier, University of Paris and Texas A&M University; Maxim Kontsevich, Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques; Ludwig Faddeev, Steklov Institute of Mathematics; Masaki Kashiwara, University of Kyoto; Sergiu Klainerman, Princeton University; Jacob Palis, Instituto de Matemática Pura e Aplicada, Brazil; and Christophe Soulé, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.

-From a French Academy of Sciences announcement

AAAS Fellows Elected

Seven mathematicians have been elected as Fellows of the Mathematics Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The new fellows are: Ronald R. Coifman, Yale University; Jack D. Cowan, University of Chicago; Fan Chung Graham, University of California, San Diego; Frank Charles Hoppensteadt, Arizona State University; H. Jeff Kimble, California Institute of Technology; Jeffrey C. Lagarias, AT&T Shannon Laboratories; and Edward Nelson, Princeton University.

In addition, Bart Selman, Cornell University, was elected a Fellow of the Information, Computing, and Communication Section.

-From an AAAS announcement

Correction

The October 2002 issue of the *Notices* carried a news item about the awarding of the 2002 d'Alembert Prize of the Societé Mathématique de France. One of the awardees, L'Association Fermat-Lomagne, was inadvertently omitted.