

# MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

# NEWSLETTER

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## CONGRATULATIONS

- to Richard Harrison who has been promoted to an honorary professor.
  - to Nicole Augustin, Daniel Brown, and Katie Smith (nee Mills) who graduated on Thursday 22nd June.
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## WELCOME

- to Dr. Vasilij Demyanov who has come to work on a Zeneca funded project developing statistical methods for improved ecological impact assessment with Simon Wood. Vasilij previously worked at the Nuclear Safety Institute in Moscow on mixed geostatistic physical models for environmental data including the fallout from Chernobyl.
  - to Dr. Dana Longcope from Montana University who is currently visiting the Solar Group.
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## NEWS

- Peter Jupp attended the annual meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, which was held in Ottawa from the 4th to the 7th of June. He gave an invited talk on *Geometry of score tests and Wald tests*. Peter then spent 5 days at the University of Guelph, discussing directional statistics. Freda and David Kemp were also at the Statistical Society of Canada meeting, and Freda spoke on *The secretary problem with correlated rank and order*. Their visit to Ottawa was part of a bigger tour of Canada and the USA.

- George Phillips recently visited the University of Lisbon, where he gave two seminars. He was invited by Professor Gracinda Gomes, sometime Ph.D student of John Howie, and a frequent visitor to our School.
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## **NEXT ISSUE**

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