

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS/COMMISERATIONS

- to Steve Buckland who is now the new head of Statistics after volunteering to take over from Peter Jupp!

NEWS

- Peter Jupp attended the *Qrandom Workshop* on quantum stochastics, which was held at EURANDOM, Eindhoven, from 12th to 16th February. Before the workshop, he spent a few days in Apeldoorn and Utrecht, working on quantum statistics with Ole Barndorff-Nielsen and Richard Gill. He also went to Liège for dinner with Gentiane Haesbroeck, who was an exchange student here in 1992-93.
- From 19 February to 16 March, Alex Craik is again visiting the Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences at Kyoto University. On 5-6 March he took part in a small Workshop on Nonlinear Waves, which was arranged to coincide with his visit. Though he was the only non-Japanese among the 20 or so participants, the Workshop was conducted almost entirely in English for his benefit. Alex's contribution was a historical talk, "G.G. Stokes and his precursors on water-wave theory."
- Recently Antonio Diaz visited the Solar Group for a week from La Palma. As well as collaborating closely with Bernard Roberts he apparently had a fun night at the Students Union with the solar postgrads!?!
- Richard Harrison (an Honorary Professor of the Solar Group) visited Danielle Bewsher and Clare Parnell for two days to work on data from the Coronal Diagnostic Spectrometer (CDS).

- Drs Irina Soustova and Yuliya Troitskaya from the Applied Maths Dept and Institute for Applied Physics, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, will visit the Solar Group for a week, as part of the INTAS network (St Andrews, Spain (Majorca), Georgia and Russia) that Bernard Roberts coordinates. The network is working on MHD waves in Astrophysical Plasmas; it supports staff, research fellows and research students in Russia and Georgia, linking them collaboratively with the western partners. As part of the network, Bernard and his Spanish partner Jose Luis Ballester are planning a workshop in La Palma, Majorca.

While in St Andrews, Drs Soustova and Troitskaya will give various seminars to the Applied Maths Division and to the Solar Group.

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