

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

NEWSLETTER

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FAREWELL

- to Moira Gilruth who has been a secretary for the School for 5 years and is leaving to become Editorial Assistant for The Philosophical Quarterly within the School of Philosophical and Anthropological Studies. We wish her all the best in her new post.
 - to Jiaxin Hu who, after completing his PhD with us, has taken up an appointment at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
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CONGRATULATIONS

- to Fernanda Marques for the successful defence of her thesis on ‘Estimating wildlife distribution and abundance from line transect surveys conducted from platforms of opportunity’. Fernanda has now returned to live in Brazil, although she continues to work on RUWPA projects.
- to our new Head of School, Kenneth Falconer who, with an ascent of Beinn an Oir in the Paps of Jura, has completed climbing all the ‘Corbetts’ (Scottish Hills with heights between 2,500ft and 3,000ft, of which there are 221). This is in addition to the 284 ‘Munros’ (3,000ft or more) which he had climbed before coming to St Andrews.
- Margaret, our cleaner, who raised a grand total of £226.30 for Barnardos with her 6 hour sponsored silence on Thursday 23 August.

WELCOME

- to Bidzina Shergelashvili who is visiting the Solar Group for a few weeks as part of the INTAS network. Bidzina is from the Abastumani Astrophysical Observatory, and is a colleague of Temury Zaqarashvili.

NEWS

- Thomas Wiegmann attended the Sixth International School/Symposium for Space Plasma Simulations (ISSS-6) and gave an invited talk entitled ‘Test and limits of Vlasov code simulations and its application to null-helicity and co-helicity reconnection’.
 - Alex Craik attended a Newton Institute EuroConference on ‘Surface Water Waves’ held during 28 August - 31 August in Cambridge. As part of the proceedings, he gave an Institute Seminar on the historical subject ‘Stokes and his precursors on water wave theory’. He also helped to inaugurate the Institute’s new boules court during the pre-symposium reception, and inspected the partly open multi-million pound site that will soon be the new home of mathematics in Cambridge. He then pursued some historical leads in two college libraries and in the British Library in London.
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