



Newsletter - June 2007

PROMOTIONS & TENURE

The Department congratulates the following faculty members:

- ◆ Dimitri Korotkin has been promoted to Full Professor as of June 1, 2007.
- ◆ Marco Bertola and Arusharka Sen have both received tenure and Associate Professor status as of June 1, 2007.

NEW HIRES

We would like to welcome the following new departmental members:

- ◆ Three new tenure-track positions have been filled this year: Wenyu Jiang (Statistics) and Lea Popovic (UFA, Probability) start on July 1, 2007; Lennaert Van Veen (Applied Mathematics) has started on June 1, 2007.
- ◆ Debaraj Sen, who was previously an LTA, has been hired as an ETA in Statistics as of June 1, 2007. Dr. Atoyan has been renewed as an LTA in Mathematics for an additional year. Dr. Chen has been recommended for an LTA in Statistics and we are waiting for his acceptance.
- ◆ Susan Ehret has recently been hired on time sheet as an Assistant until the Chair's Assistant position is filled (we are still waiting for the Dean to approve it as a permanent position). Susan will be assuming some of the Assistant to the Chair duties as well as help with departmental matters.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

- ◆ Hal Proppe and Fred Szabo were both nominated and have been chosen for a Dean's Award. Hal received an award for Outstanding Academic Service, and Fred received an award for Teaching Excellence. Congratulations!
- ◆ Alina Stancu has started her pregnancy leave and is due to have her baby (boy!) in July. The Department wishes her the best of luck.
- ◆ Manuela Franzo has requested to take a 6-week leave of absence which will be preceded by a 2-week vacation, starting on June 18th and ending on August 10th. During her 2-week vacation, Judy will be assuming some of Manuela's basic duties, however as of July 3rd, Judy

will be assuming all the duties of Undergraduate Program Assistant position until Manuela returns. Note that Susan will be replacing Judy in the front office during this 6-week period.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of our student achievements, as follows:

Convocation Medals

- ◆ Youssef Lakhmiri ((B.Sc. Actuarial Mathematics) received the Mappin Medal.
- ◆ Julie Lewis (B.Sc. Honours, Pure & Applied) received the Malone Medal.
- ◆ Chungsong Qu (B.A. Honours, Statistics) received the Eric O'Connor Mathematics Medal.

Graduate Awards

- ◆ Jun Zhou (Ph.D. Actuarial Mathematics) won a joint Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) and Society of Actuaries (SOA) PhD Grant for 2007-08. This is a North American competition and there are usually only five \$10,000 U.S. grants offered annually.
- ◆ Jun Zhou (Ph.D. Actuarial Mathematics) and Ivan Mendoza-Martinez (M.Sc. Actuarial Mathematics) were both recipients of a MITACS Internship valued at \$15,000.
- ◆ Jeremy Porter (M.Sc. Mathematics) was awarded a 2007/08 Carolyn and Richard Renaud Teaching Assistantship, valued at \$5,000.
- ◆ Alexandra Lemus Rodriguez (M.Sc. Mathematics) was awarded a 2007/08 Power Corporation of Canada Graduate Fellowship, valued at \$5,000.
- ◆ The following have received Concordia Fellowships: Ahmad Hoseini Lavasani (M.Sc. Mathematics) and Yaping Ren (M.Sc. Mathematics).
- ◆ The following have received International Fee Remissions: Ahmad Hoseini Lavasani (M.Sc. Mathematics), Shervin Asgari (Ph.D. Statistics), Ashkan Ertifaie (Ph.D. Statistics), Yaping Ren (M.Sc. Mathematics).
- ◆ The following have received ISM Scholarships: Shervin Asgari (Ph.D. Statistics), Ashkan Ertifaie (Ph.D. Statistics), Klara Kelecsenyi (Ph.D. Teaching of Mathematics), Jun Li (Ph.D. Statistics), Ramin Okhrati (Ph.D. Actuarial Mathematics), Noushin Sebetghadamhaghichi (M.Sc. Mathematics).

Undergraduate Awards

- ◆ Youssef Lakhmiri (B.Sc. Actuarial Mathematics) has received a FQRNT award (he previously received a NSERC award). He has accepted our offer of admission to the M.Sc. program in the Fall.