



Concordia University
**Mathematics &
Statistics Department**

Department Newsletter 2009 & 2010

PROMOTIONS & TENURE

- ◆ The Department congratulates Chris Cummins who has been promoted to Full Professor as of June 1, 2010.
- ◆ After many months in “suspended” status, the tenure-track position in Geometry has finally been offered to Alexey Kokotov effective the 2011-12 academic year.

HIRES

We would like to congratulate the following departmental members:

- ◆ Madjid Amir, Dimiter Dryanov, Nataliia Rossokhata, and Murari Singh were hired as LTAs on June 1, 2008 and have been renewed for a 3rd year.
- ◆ Alexey Kokotov and Theodoro Koulis were hired as LTAs effective August 15, 2009 and have both been renewed for a 2nd year.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

- ◆ Twareque S. Ali was appointed as a Fellow of the Science College effective January 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012.
- ◆ A. Sen has been acclaimed as a member of the Arts and Science Faculty Personnel and Tenure Committee from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012.
- ◆ José Garrido announced that, after 20 years, he will be stepping down on June 1st as the Actuarial Program Director to take over as the new Graduate Program Director replacing Galia Dafni. Patrice Gaillardetz will be replacing José as the new Actuarial Program Director.
- ◆ The Dwivedi family has established an endowment for a Mathematics & Statistics Lecture Series in honour of Dr. Tryambkeshwar Dhar Dwivedi who passed away in December 2008. The first lecture is slated to be part of the conference ‘*Statistics 2011 Canada – 5th Canadian Conference in Applied Statistics*’ to be held in the first week of July 2011 at Concordia University.
- ◆ Mariana Frank, Pawel Gora, Cody Hyndman, Dmitry Korotkin, and Lea Popovic were awarded NSERC Discovery research grants for 5 years.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of our student achievements as follows:

2009

Undergraduate Awards

- ◆ Mr. Ryan Benty (Honours Pure and Applied Mathematics) received the Eric O'Connor Mathematics Medal.

Graduate Awards

- ◆ Ivats Boyanov Dakov (Master in Teaching Mathematics) has received the Brenda Carter and David Wheeler Memorial Award valued at \$1,000.
- ◆ Christy Lyons (Master in Teaching Mathematics) has received the Brenda Carter and David Wheeler Memorial Award valued at \$1,000 as well as the Nick Herscovics Memorial Scholarship valued at \$650 per term for a duration of 2 terms.
- ◆ Huili Liu (Ph.D.) was awarded a Frederick Lowy Scholars Fellowship valued at \$5,000 per term for 9 terms from September 2009 to August 2012. Huili also received a Fee Remission of 11.25 credits per term for 8 terms from September 2009 to April 2012.
- ◆ Oscar Quijano Xacur (M.Sc.) received a Government of Canada Award for citizens of Mexico. The period of tenure is September 2009 to August 2010. He will be offered financial support by the Department during his second year of studies (2010/11).
- ◆ Anne MacKay (M.Sc.) received a Canada Graduate Scholarship from NSERC valued at \$17,300. The period of tenure is September 2009 to August 2010. As well, she received a Concordia University Special Entrance award for 3 terms from September 2009 to August 2010.
- ◆ Ruomeng Lan (MSc.), Wenxia Li, (MSc.), Wenxi Liu (MSc.), Li Ma (Ph.D.), Mohammad Najafi Ivaki (Ph.D.) and Rogelio Perez-Buendia (Ph.D.) received the International Fee Remission Award. The value of this award is 11.25 credits per term; the period of tenure for R. Lan and W. Liu is 4 terms from September 2009 to December 2010. For W. Li it was 1 term only from September to December 2009, for Li Ma it is 2 terms from January to August 2010, for Rogelio Perez-Buendia it is 3 terms from September 2009 to August 2010, and for Mohammad Najafi Ivaki it is 8 terms from September 2009 to April 2012.
- ◆ Li Ma (Ph.D.), Mengjue Tang (M.Sc.) and Di Xu (M.Sc.) received a Partial Tuition Scholarship. The value of this award is \$1,000 per term; the period of tenure for Li Ma was 1 term (September to December 2009), for Mengjue Tang is 3 terms (September 2009 to August 2010) and for Di Xu is 3 terms (September 2009 to August 2010).
- ◆ Rogelio Perez-Buendia received a Power Corporation of Canada Graduate Fellowship valued at \$2,500 per term from September 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. In addition, he received a Campaign for a New Millennium Graduate Scholarship – School of Graduate Studies award valued at \$1,000 (paid in one installment at the end of January 2010); this scholarship was based on his application for the Power Corporation Fellowship competition.

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Undergraduate Awards

- ◆ Mitchell Coviensky, Bruno Joyal, and Antigoni Michalopoulos have been selected by the Dean of Arts and Science for the 2010 Summer NSERC USRA award program.

Graduate Awards

- ◆ Oscar Quijano Xacur (M.Sc. Actuarial) received a MITACS internship. He will be working this summer with AVIVA Canada conducting research in his field.