

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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### **Dublin City University**

Promotions at DCU School of Mathematical Sciences:

Drs. Eugene O'Riordan and David Reynolds to Senior Lecturer;  
Drs. Emmanuel Buffet and Jürgen Burzlaff to Associate Professor.

### **National University of Ireland Maynooth**

New permanent Lecturers in the Department of Mathematics: John Murray and Henrietta Dickinson.

Sinead Breen has been appointed to a contract Lectureship to replace Richard Watson during his term as Dean of Arts.

David Redmond has been appointed University Registrar.

### **Trinity College Dublin**

Dr. Conor Houghton has been appointed to a permanent Lectureship in Mathematics at TCD from 2001. He has been a lecturer at TCD since September 2000 and his research interests are on solitons in three dimensions.

Dr. Mike Peardon was appointed to a Lectureship in Mathematics at TCD from September 2000. His research area is Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics.

Dr. Ivo Sachs of Munich University has been appointed to a permanent Lectureship in Mathematics at TCD from January 2002. His research area is quantum field theory and string theory.

James Sexton has been promoted to Associate Professorship at TCD with effect from October 2000. He has been at TCD since 1991.

Paul M. N. Feehan, formerly at Ohio State University, was appointed to the Erasmus Smiths Chair of Mathematics at TCD with effect from September 2000. His research area is gauge theory and topology of four-dimensional manifolds.

### **Queen's University Belfast**

Two new appointments as Lecturers in Pure Mathematics have been made with effect 1 March 2001. Dr. Lorenz Halbeisen is joining the Department from the University of Basel (Switzerland). He is working in Combinatorial Set Theory and Logic. Dr. Francesc Perera is joining the Group in Noncommutative Functional Analysis from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain). His area of research is non-commutative Ring Theory as well as the theory of  $C^*$ -Algebras.

With effect of 1 August 2001 Dr. Martin Mathieu becomes the Head of the Pure Mathematics Research Division.