

EDITORIAL

The bulk of this issue of the Bulletin is made up by four papers of speakers at the Mini-Workshop on Elliptic Curves, which was held at the Mary Immaculate College in Limerick on 29th and 30th November 2006, together with a foreword by Bernd Kreussler. These survey-style papers provide a nice introduction to the topic and are quite the kind of contributions to the Bulletin the Editor would like to see more.

The section on PhD abstracts, which started a year ago, has very nicely picked up and contains this time 12 contributions covering a fair variety of mathematical areas. Certainly, there must have been more PhD degrees awarded in 2007 in Ireland but maybe the message of the possibility to have an abstract published in the Bulletin has not yet reached everyone. I like to emphasize here that only abstracts of PhD theses and not even exceptionally good MSc theses are published, and these have to be in mathematics and not in statistics.

It appears that the Society's communication with its members could improve were an up-to-date e-mail list available. For this reason, an insert coming with this issue requests members to provide updated information in a very simple way. Please do follow this suggestion by the executive of the Society!

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