

EDITORIAL

This issue of the Bulletin is special in some ways. It illustrates very well what I discussed in the editorial of Volume 63. Two more interviews with ‘retirees’, Professors David Lewis and Sean Dineen have been conducted by Gary McGuire and are contained here. Tony O’Farrell’s survey article also pays tribute to the contributions and influence of two colleagues who recently retired from NUI Maynooth, David Walsh and Richard Watson. I personally find it most interesting to read about the development of (University) mathematics in Ireland during the years gone by. Contributions to the Bulletin of this kind are most welcome.

These reminiscences are counterpointed by almost 20 pages of Abstracts of PhD Theses (and I am convinced even this does not reflect fully all the PhD theses which were completed in 2009). This development, too, is most gladly received: to get a succinct idea of what type of research the ‘youngsters’ are pursuing in the various locations in Ireland.

Bernd Kreussler’s report on the 2009 Mathematical Olympiad completes the picture and tells us many of the details on this activity which is so enthusiastically supported and driven forward at many of the Irish Mathematics Departments—to the better of the future of Mathematics on the island.

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