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CALL for PAPERS and PARTICIPATION

The 1997 Iowa Mathematics Meetings will be held on April 11 and 12 on the Iowa State University campus. These meetings are conducted jointly by the Iowa Section of the Mathematical Association of America and the Iowa Section of the American Statistical Association. The MAA speaker will be Roger A. Horn, editor-elect of the American Mathematical Monthly, from the University of Utah. Student papers will be presented Friday afternoon; faculty papers Saturday afternoon. In addition, there will be a social gathering Friday evening, a book exhibit Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and activities for students. The business meeting will take place Saturday morning.

This letter is our call to you to submit abstracts of papers for presentation at the meeting. Papers in all areas are welcome. A computer lab with many PowerMacintoshes will be available for special workshops or demonstrations. One older Macintosh is available on a rolling cart. Iowa State University can probably supply special equipment with adequate advance notice. Please make special requests early. Please send abstracts for 25 minute talks by February 24th to Steve Willson, Department of Mathematics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-0001. E-mail: willson@pollux.math.iastate.edu. FAX: 515-294-5454.

Last year's meeting attracted a large number of students, and we again hope to have strong student participation. Please encourage your students to submit abstracts for 15 minute talks for the **student paper session**. Certificates will be awarded to students presenting the best papers.

The Saturday morning business meeting will include the election of a Chairperson-Elect. Nominations should be given to a member of the Nominating Committee (Charles Lindsay, Coe College, CLINDSAY@coe.edu; Elgin Johnston, ISU, ehjohnst@iastate.edu; Charles Jepsen, Grinnell College, jepsen@math.grin.edu) as soon as possible.

Any other questions can be sent to the secretary-treasurer Steve Nimmo, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA 51106. E-mail: sdn001@alpha.morningside.edu. FAX: 712-274-5101.

Grinnell will host the third annual **Iowa Collegiate Mathematics Competition** on Saturday, April 5th. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m., with the competition from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have a lunch for a nominal fee after the competition, and Stan Wagon from Macalester College will speak on problem-solving.

Teams consist of three or fewer undergraduate students. Schools wishing to enter teams in the contest should contact Emily Moore at mooree@math.grin.edu or by phone 515-269-4205 by March 7th. For more information, contact Emily Moore.

Lodging in Ames:

Iowa State Memorial Union - (515)292-1111. It is half a block from the meeting building.

Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Elwood Drive exit from Highway 30 - (515)292-8600. Nicest and most expensive.

Ames Motor Lodge, 318 E. Lincoln Way - (515)232-4315.

Hampton Inn, 1400 S. Dayton Avenue (exit from Highway 30) - (515)239-9999.

Heartland Inn, 1206 S. Duff Avenue (Interstate 35 & Highway 30) - (515)233-6060.

Ramada Inn, 1206 S. Duff Avenue (exit from Highway 30) - (800)228-2828.

University Inn, 316 S. Duff Avenue (515)232-0280.



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