The Daily Group Theorist

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Conference Office

The conference office is room 24 of level 3 in building 1W ('One West'). Hence it is 1W3.24. It will be open 9:30–17:00 on weekdays. It will be staffed during all conference breaks, and at some other times too.

Photograph TODAY

This will be taken in the amphitheatre (by the University Lake and near the University Hall) at 10:30 on Monday 28th July (weather permitting). Full conferees will receive a copy of the colour print towards the end of week one. Please try to co-operate by being prompt else the schedule will be disrupted.

Talks today

9:00 Praeger 2

10:00 Coffee

10:40 Brookes 1

11:40 Bridson 2

12:40 Lunch

Parallel Session C:

Stream 1. 2:00 Glasby ; 2:30 K. Johnson; 3:00 Tabachnikova

Stream 2. 2:00 Ludkovsky ; 2:30 J.J. McDermott; 3:00 Bogley

Stream 3. 2:00 Dekimpe ; 2:30 Lorenson; 3:00 Csorgo

Stream 4. 2:00 L-C Kappe (60); 3:00 Morse

Stream 1 chaired by C. Wright has the following talks:

Glasby: Subgroups of the unipotent upper-triangular matrix group with maximal derived length

K. Johnson: The Dedekind-Frobenius group determinant : new life in an old problem

Tabachnikova: Freshness and group ordering.

Stream 2 chaired by P-H Zieschang has the following talks:

Ludkovsky: Representations and structure of groups of diffeomorphisms of Banach manifolds (real or non-Archimedean).

McDermott: The subgroup structure of Crystallographic Groups.

Bogley: *In memoriam – S. Patu* Isometric group actions on universal Patu spaces.

Stream 3 chaired by J Moori has the following talks:

Dekimpe: Polynomial structures on polycyclic groups.

Lorenson: Nonsplit nilpotent group extensions that split at every prime.

Csorgo: On natural factorisation of supersolvable groups.

Stream 4 chaired by N. Gilbert has the following talks:

L-C Kappe: Nonabelian tensor products of groups: the commutator connection.

Morse: On computing the non-abelian tensor square of 2-Engel groups.

15:30 Tea

16:00 Shalev 2

17:00 Kharlampovich: Description of finitely generated fully residually free groups.

In Memoriam

The recent death of Dr Samson Patu will be commemorated during Parallel Session C by William Bogley. In Christening the the path space of a topological space a *Patu space*, it is ensured that Dr Patu's work in typography will not go unpunished.

Bus Trip Next Sunday

The Sunday 10:00-19:00 bus trip costs £6 per adult and £4 for a child under 18 years. Sign up in the Conference Office. Please use exact money if possible.

Volunteers Please

Would you like to edit this newspaper for a day or two? Perhaps you want to co-ordinate a trip using a minibus, or help to staff the conference office once or twice? Volunteer in the Conference Office please.

Minibuses

Minibus overlord is John J McDermott. If you or your family want to suggest an adventure later in the conference, John will try to arrange for a minibus and driver to be at your disposal. The more notice you give, the more likely it is that the arrangements can be made. Contact by leaving a message in the conference office.

Publishers

From Tuesday until Friday of **week one** there will be a mathematics book exhibition in the library foyer. At coffee time and tea time some of the refreshments will be served at the exhibition. refreshments will also be served in the usual place close to the entrance of the University (Plenary) hall. The exhibitors will be CUP, de Gruyter, OUP and Springer-Verlag.

Shopping shuttle

The Groups 1997 minibus service will be using the blue bus to operate a Sainsburys supermarket shuttle from the University bus stop to Sainsburys and back during 18:00 – 20:00 tonight. Another supermarket which can be reached quite easily using the number 18 bus service is *Waitrose*. Get off at the first stop after crossing Pulteney Bridge. Walk back parallel to the river, and enter the shopping complex on the other side of the road via a passage. Waitrose is in this complex.

Helpers

The conference owes a debt of gratitude to the students and staff of Bath University who did such heroic work on Saturday – sometimes in terrible weather – to usher people to their rooms. Some of them will be coming for a drink in the SCR bar at 18:00 tonight; perhaps you might like to join them.

Hospital Drama

Nico Caranti, son of Andrea and Nicoletta, was rushed to hospital yesterday after a nasty fall. He is now wearing a very impressive cast. Our agents inform us that Nico was very brave!

Kourovka Notebook

The *Kourovka Notebook* will be on sale at the conference. Details to follow.

Registration

Those people not properly registered, or needing to engage in financial transactions with the conference, please go the the Conference Office during **13:10 – 13:50** today. If there is still outstanding business, the registration desk will also open during the tea break in the same place.