Holiday Dinner Get-Together: Please make sure you get your tickets from Sandy if you are planning to attend the festivities on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Students have from November 23 to December 10 to submit on-line course evaluations.

Monday, November 29

- LAMPS Interdisciplinary Workshop of Modelling Studies of Climate, Environment and West Nile Virus: Wendi Wang, Southwest University, Chongqing, will give a talk on “A Discrete Model of Avian Influenza with Seasonal Reproduction and Transmission” at 1:30p.m. in the LAMPS Lab, N532 Ross.

- Applied Mathematics Seminar: Letitia Banu, University of Western Ontario, will speak on “Betti Numbers of a Rationally Smooth Toric Variety” at 3:00p.m. in N638 Ross.

- Administrative Staff Absence: Susan will be away.

Tuesday, November 30

- Applied Math Section Meeting from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. in N620 Ross.

Wednesday, December 1

- CDM Incubation Day of Excellence in Nonlinear Dynamics and the Life Sciences: Topics to be covered include mathematical biology, epidemiology, and immunology, with case studies in HIV, influenza, measles, HPV, Lyme disease, neural networks and West Nile virus. Organizers: Dr Guihong Fan and Dr Yijun Lou; Advisors: Dr Jane Heffernan, Dr Jianhong Wu and Dr Huaping Zhu. The day will run from 8:30a.m. to 12:20p.m. and 1:20p.m. to 6:00p.m. in Room 306 of the Lumbers Building.

- Pure Mathematics Section Meeting: The meeting will be held in N620 Ross at 4:00p.m.
Thursday, December 2

- Statistics Seminar: Paul Marriott, University of Waterloo, will speak on “Computational Information Geometry: Theory and Practice” at 2:30p.m. in N638 Ross.

- TA Seminar: Ginger McKee, Wolfram Research Inc., will speak on “Talk about Mathematica 8” at 10:00a.m. in CSEB 3033 (Computer Science and Engineering Building). Graduate Students are encouraged to attend this workshop, since computer program Mathematica can be a useful tool for current and future teaching (as well as for research). This session counts as discipline-specific credit towards completion of the University Teaching Practicum.

Friday, December 3

- Thesis Defense: Matthew Cheung will defend his MSc Thesis entitled “Control of Autonomous Formations with the Pebble Game Algorithm” at 2:30p.m. in N627 Ross.

- Analysis Seminar: Spyridon Alexakis, University of Toronto, will be speaking on “The Space of Complete, Embedded Minimal Surfaces in Hyperbolic Space: Renormalized Area and Bubbling” at 4:00p.m. in N638 Ross.

Monday, December 4

- Administrative Staff Absence: Susan will be away.

Reminders/Announcements:

- Statistics Seminar: John Sheriff, University of Lethbridge, will give a talk on Thursday, December 9 at 2:30p.m. in N638 Ross. Title and abstract will be posted soon.

- Colloquium: Nicole Tomczak-Jaegermann, University of Alberta, will give a talk entitled “Singular Numbers of Random Matrices; the Asymptotic Non-Limiting Theory” on Monday, December 13 at 4:00p.m. in N638 Ross.

- Colloquium: Nigel Higson, Pennsylvania State University, will be speaking on “Contractions of Lie Groups and Representation Theory” at 4:00p.m. in N638 Ross on Monday, January 10, 2011.
• Please make an announcement in your classes regarding the upcoming Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). The MCM will take place on February 10–14, 2011. If students have any questions regarding the MCM they may email jmheffer@mathstat.yorku.ca or go to www.comap.com/undergraduate/contests/. If they are interested in participating they should email by December 23. There will be an information/training session in January.

• Keep informed of seminars and colloquia by checking the private page or at http://www1.math.yorku.ca/new/event-date.

• Check www.registrar.yorku.ca/importantdates for full details on important dates and religious observances. University event planners and faculty members are encouraged to take these days into consideration when scheduling events.

• For details regarding Fields Institute seminars go to www.fields.utoronto.ca/programs. For upcoming York University activities supported by Fields, please go to www.fields.utoronto.ca/programs/scientific/partner/PSU-York/.

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