

Introduction

The thirteenth biennial conference of the Association for Christians in the Mathematical Sciences was held on the campus of Calvin College, May 30 – June 2, 2001. There were 118 participants. The invited speakers, Bill Dembski (Baylor) and Jim Keener (U. Utah), each gave two addresses. Twenty other participants gave talks so the schedule was quite full.

Besides the many talks, there was time for several other activities. A notable event was a book reception to announce the publication of the book *Mathematics in a Postmodern Age: A Christian Perspective* that was edited by Russell Howell (Westmont College) and James Bradley (Calvin College), two members of the organization. Most of the chapters were written by members of the organization. Each conference participant received a free copy of the book at the conference as a result of the generosity of an anonymous donor.

On a lighter note, the evening activities featured a picnic, a performance by River City Improv (an improvisational comedy group that even worked in some mathematics jokes as well as a few good-natured pokes at Wheaton College), and a banquet with background music played by conference participants Paul Isihara, Mark Hanisch, and David Sethi.

As always, the talks covered a wide range of topics corresponding to the wide range of interests of the participants. There were talks on pure mathematics, talks of interest to teachers of mathematics, talks of a devotional character, and talks concerned with the “integration problem,” i.e., integrating one’s understanding of mathematics with one’s faith commitments.

Most of the speakers submitted manuscripts for publication in these proceedings. In the interest of timely publication and of not placing undue burdens on authors, submissions were accepted in a variety of formats, fonts, and styles. These papers appear exactly in the format submitted by the authors save for page numbers. Some authors did not submit papers. In most cases, this was because the work has appeared elsewhere in print and there are copyright restrictions. We have included abstracts for all talks for which there is no full paper.

It was a great delight for us to host all of you who came. For those of you who missed the conference, we hope that these proceedings whet your appetite so that you will join us at the fourteenth meeting at Point Loma Nazarene University in 2003.

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