

## Introduction

From Wednesday, June 2, until Saturday, June 5, 1993, the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences held its ninth biennial conference, venturing to the West Coast for the first time in its history. The conference theme was "Paradigm Shifts in the Mathematical Sciences," and the host institution was Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California. Previous conference sites have been at Wheaton College (1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1991), King's College (1985), Calvin College (1987), and Messiah College (1989). Taylor University will be the venue for our 1995 conference.

Finding themselves in a mixture of casual beach community and rustic mountain settings, the forty plus delegates who attended the conference were also treated to beautiful weather. The conference sessions began with a devotional talk followed by the singing of a hymn. There was a beach barbecue on Thursday evening. A flutist played during the Friday night banquet after which Dwight Paine shared slides of mathematical points of interest in Europe. As with previous conferences, delegates took full advantage of the opportunities for Christian fellowship in the form of informal conversations, and singing around the piano in Deane Chapel, where the daily sessions were held.

Our keynote speaker was Joe Dauben. He gave two excellent talks, one on the work of Georg Cantor, and the second on the life and times of Abraham Robinson. Returning for his first visit since 1987 was Don Knuth, who gave an update on his recent *3:16* book, and described how he used computers to encapsulate the artwork for that book in postscript form. The delegates enjoyed the availability for interaction of both Joe and Don. Joe's talks are included in these proceedings, but the nature of the talks given by Don made written publication almost impossible. The entire conference is available on videotape, however, and these tapes may be obtained by contacting Russell Howell at Westmont College.

At the business meeting, we expressed our thanks to Chuck Hampton and Gene Chase, both of whom had served on the ACMS Board for the past eight years, with Chuck serving as ACMS President for the past two years. Dick Stout and Carol Harrison were introduced as new Board members, who will serve from July 1, 1993 until June 30, 1997. Russell Howell was chosen to be President for the next two years, and David Lay will serve as Vice-President. There was strong sentiment that the West Coast should be a more regular locale for future conferences.

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