

Introduction

Ninety [participants](#), eight spouses, and three children came to [Westmont College](#) for the eighteenth biennial conference of the [Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences](#). They enjoyed superb weather during the conference dates of June 1–4, 2011. Unfortunately, those who chose to spend some extra time in Santa Barbara and stayed through June 5 experienced a rare day of rain. Coincidentally, the last time ACMS convened at Westmont (1993) there was another rare rain event. It might be helpful to California if ACMS could schedule yet another meeting at Westmont when the state is in the midst of its next drought!

Among those attending, about ten were at their very first ACMS meeting. All participants enjoyed two presentations given by each of the three invited speakers: [Art Benjamin](#) (Harvey Mudd College), [Fred Brooks](#) (University of North Carolina), and [Glen Van Brummelen](#) (Quest University).

As the [conference schedule](#) indicates ([page 1](#)), there were thirty-three contributed papers in parallel sessions dealing with a variety of topics in mathematics and computer science. [Abstracts](#) for the invited addresses and the contributed papers can be found beginning on [page 4](#). Twenty of the contributed papers, which begin on [page 15](#), are part of these *Proceedings*.

There were also two panel discussions relating to the interaction between mathematics and computer science: within institutions, and within ACMS. A final panel session gave an overview of a recently-completed ACMS book project: *Mathematics Through the Eyes of Faith*. This project involved eleven ACMS members and was published by HarperOne, San Francisco.

Several informal activities complemented the scheduled sessions. On Thursday evening about fifty delegates enjoyed viewing the skies from Westmont’s observatory, which houses the largest telescope between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Early on Friday morning twenty-one hikers make a trek up the foothills to *Montecito Overlook*. A [picture](#) of their venture can be found in the [conference photos](#) section, which begins on [page 210](#).

The traditional conference banquet took place on Friday evening. After Saturday morning parallel sessions dealing with faith integration issues the conference concluded with a worship service.

We at Westmont considered it a privilege to host this event. We wish you every blessing in your respective vocations and look forward to seeing many of you again in 2013 at the nineteenth biennial ACMS conference. [Bethel University](#) (St. Paul, Minnesota) has agreed to be the host site. In 2015 the conference is planned to convene in Canada for the first time, hosted by [Redeemer University College](#) (Ancaster, Ontario).

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