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January 14 - July 4, 2008: Program: Combinatorics and Statistical Mechanics, Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge, United Kingdom http://www.newton.cam.ac.uk/programmes/CSM/

March 2-7, 2008: Ninth International Conference "Approximation and Optimization in the Caribbean" (APPOPT'2008)" San Andres Island, Colombia. http://matematicas.univalle.edu.co/~appopt2008/?seccion=anuncio&idioma=EN

May 15-17, 2008: Twelfth International Conference Devoted to the Memory of Academician Mykhailo Kravchuk (Krawtchouk) (1892-1942) Kyiv, Ukraine. Information: Ukraine, 03056, Kyiv-56, Peremohy Ave. 37, National Technical University of

Ukraine (KPI), Phys.-Math. Departments, Corpus 7, Room 437, M. Kravchuk Conference, N. Virchenko; tel. (380) 44 454-97-40; e-mail: kravchukconf.@yandex.ru http://www.ams.org/mathcal/info/2008 may15-17 kyiv.html

June 3-9, 2008: CONSTRUCTIVE THEORY OF FUNCTIONS Campos do Jordão, Brazil, June 3-9, 2008 http://www.ibilce.unesp.br/CTF-08 14.6, #6

June 16-26 2008: Foundations of Computational Mathematics, City University of Hong Kong at Hong Kong, China

WORKSHOP A6

Special functions and orthogonal polynomials ORGANISERS: Peter Clarkson, Guillermo Lopez, Mourad Ismail & Ed Saff

# WORKSHOP B1

Asymptotic analysis ORGANISERS: Arno Kuijlaars & Roderick Wong

# http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/na/FoCM/FoCM08/

June 22 - 28, 2008: 8th International Conference on Symmetries and Integrability of Difference Equations (SIDE 8), Ste-Adele, Quebec, Canada 14.6, #7 http://www.crm.umontreal.ca/SIDE8/index e.shtml

June 22-28, 2008: Combinatorics 2008 - Costermano, Verona, Italy. http://combinatorics.ing.unibs.it/

July 21-25, 2008: Workshop "Elliptic integrable systems, isomonodromy problems, and hypergeometric functions", Hausdorff Center for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany 15.1 #2 http://www.hausdorff-center.uni-bonn.de/elliptic-integrable-systems

August 12-18, 2008: Fifth International Conference of Applied Mathematics andComputing, Plovdiv, Bulgaria14.6, #9http://math.uctm.edu/conference2008/

August 13-19, 2008: XXVII International Colloquium on Group Theoretical Methods in Physics (Group-27), Yerevan, Armenia 14.6, #8 http://theor.jinr.ru/~group27/ September 8-12, 2008: International Workshop on Orthogonal Polynomials and Approximation Theory, in honor to the 60th Birthday of Guillermo López Lagomasino, Madrid. Spain 14.6, #10 http://www.uc3m.es/iwopa08/

October 4-5, 2008: AMS Fall Western Section Meeting Vancouver, Canada, including Special Session on *Special Functions and Orthogonal Polynomials*, organized by Mizanur Rahman and Diego Dominici, http://www.ams.org/amsmtgs/2139\_program\_ss2.html#title

# Topic #1 ----- OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: Francisco J. Marcellán pacomarc@ing.uc3m.es Subject: Message from the Chair

Dear colleagues and friends of the SIAM Activity Group on Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions:

Following the recent elections, the Officers of our SIAG/OPSF for the three year term starting January 1, 2008 are:

Chair: Francisco Marcellán Vice Chair: Peter Clarkson Secretary: Dan Lozier Program Director: Peter McCoy

All of us are committed to improving the visibility of our SIAG within the SIAM structure. First of all, we would like to invite people to become members of our SIAG in order to increase our participation and our identity. Second, we invite you to enhance an awareness of the SIAG Newsletter among members and potential contributors, with personal opinions as well as announcements and reports on meetings, professional opportunities, mathematical problems, and suggestions about the general policy of SIAM concerning our research interests. In particular, the place of OP and SF in the SIAM journals is an ongoing concern of many of our members both with regard to both editorial appointments and the scope of the journals. Finally, we must emphasize the importance of organizing meetings within the framework of SIAM activities with special attention to young people interested in orthogonal polynomials and special functions.

# Topic #2 ----- OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: Hjalmar Rosengren hjalmar@math.chalmers.se Subject: Hausdorff Center workshop

The Hausdorff Center for Mathematics (Bonn, Germany) is organizing a workshop

"Elliptic integrable systems, isomonodromy problems, and hypergeometric functions".

Dates: 21-25 July, 2008.

Topics:

- \* Elliptic completely integrable systems
- \* Elliptic Painleve equation
- \* Elliptic hypergeometric functions
- \* Univariate and multivariate elliptic biorthogonal functions
- \* Elliptic determinants and theta functions on root systems

Expected number of participants: around 35.

The list of tentative participants includes A. Borodin, J.F. van Diejen, Y. Komori, H. Konno, Yu.I. Manin, M. Noumi, M.A. Olshanetsky, E.M. Rains, H. Rosengren, S.N.M. Ruijsenaars, H. Sakai, M. Schlosser, E. Sklyanin, V.P. Spiridonov, J. Stokman, K. Takemura, S. Tsujimoto, S.O. Warnaar, Y. Yamada, A.S. Zhedanov.

Organizers and scientific committee: Yu.I. Manin, M. Noumi, E.M. Rains, H. Rosengren, V.P. Spiridonov.

This is a satellite conference to the Fifth European Congress of Mathematics in Amsterdam (July 14-18, 2008).

Further details about the workshop are available on the website http://www.hausdorff-center.uni-bonn.de/elliptic-integrable-systems

# Topic #3 ------ OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: OP-SF NET Editors Subject: New book on Numerical Methods for Special Functions

Title: Numerical Methods for Special Functions Authors: Amparo Gil, Javier Segura, and Nico M. Temme SIAM and Cambridge University Press, 2007, xvi + 415 pages. ISBN 978-0-898716-34-4.

See for Table of Contents, Preface, and Index: http://www.ec-securehost.com/SIAM/OT99.html For a sample chapter on Chebyshev polynomials, see http://www.siam.org/books/ot99/OT99SampleChapter.pdf

Short Table of Contents:

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9 Other Methods: Pade approximations, Sequence transformations,

Best rational approximations, Numerical solution of ODEs: Taylor expansion method, Other quadrature methods.

III Related Topics and Examples

10 Inversion of Distribution Functions

11 Further Examples: The Euler summation formula, Approximations of Stirling

Numbers, Symmetric elliptic integrals, Numerical inversion of Laplace transforms. IV Software

12 Associated Algorithms: Airy and Scorer functions of complex arguments, Associated Legendre functions of integer and half-integer degrees, Bessel functions, Parabolic cylinder functions, Zeros of Bessel functions.

# Topic #4 ------ OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: Tom Koornwinder <thk@science.uva.nl> Subject: Ramanujan's Lost Notebook

Readers may be interested in the article "Your hit parade: the top ten most fascinating formulas in Ramanujan's Lost Notebook", by George E. Andrews and Bruce C. Berndt, which appears in Notices AMS, vol 55, no. 1, January 2008. pp. 18-30. See http://www.ams.org/notices/200801/tx080100018p.pdf for the article and http://www.ams.org/notices/200801/

for the whole issue.

# Topic #5 ----- OP-SF NET 15.1 ----- January 15, 2008

From: Tom Koornwinder <thk@science.uva.nl> Subject: Website and CD-ROM's on the life and work of Ramanujan

Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao maintains a very rich website http://www.imsc.res.in/~rao/ramanujan/ on the life and work of Ramanujan.

Furthermore, recently a two-CD-ROM set came out on Ramanujan. Part I contains, among other things, some biographical details on Srinivasa Ramanujan in multimedia format along with the scanned contents of his original Notebooks and Collected Papers. Part II contains, among other things, the five volume work entitled "Ramanujan's Notebooks" by Bruce C. Berndt. See detailed information about this CD-ROM set at

http://www.cdac.in/html/nmrc/mathgen.asp

However, it is not clear there, how the set can be ordered.

# Topic #6 ------ OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: OP-SF NET Editors Subject: Preprints in arXiv.org

The following preprints related to the fields of orthogonal polynomials and special functions were posted or cross-listed to one of the subcategories of arXiv.org during November and December 2007.

Title: Means and Hermite Interpolation Authors: Alan Horwitz Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: Submitted for publication to the Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications-19 pages. No figures MSC: 26E60

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4696

Title: Elliptic polynomials orthogonal on the unit circle with a dense point spectrum Authors: Alexei Zhedanov Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 28 pages MSC: 33E05, 33E20, 33C47

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4161

Title: Scaled Asymptotics For Some \$q\$-Series As \$q\$ Approaching Unit Authors: Ruiming Zhang Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 16 MSC: 30E15;33D45.

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4043

Title: An introduction to upper half plane polynomials Authors: Steve Fisk Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 13 pages MSC: 26C10, 12D10, 30C15

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.3692

Title: A Short Proof of a Known Relation for Consecutive Power Sums Authors: Vladimir Shevelev Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.NT Number Theory) Comments: 4 pages MSC: 11B68

Title: Converging to Gosper's Algorithm Authors: William Y. C. Chen, Peter Paule, Husam L. Saad Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.CO Combinatorics) Comments: 13 pages MSC: 33F10; 05A19

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.2703

Title: The Analytic Theory of Matrix Orthogonal Polynomials Authors: David Damanik (Rice), Alexander Pushnitski (King's College), Barry Simon (Caltech) Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.SP Spectral Theory) Comments: 92 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.1763

Title: Second order differential operators having several families of orthogonal matrix polynomials as eigenfunctions Authors: Antonio J. Duran, Manuel D. de la Iglesia Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 16 pages MSC: 42C05

### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.1740

Title: When do linear combinations of orthogonal polynomials yield new sequences of orthogonal polynomials? Authors: M. Alfaro, F. Marcellan, A. Pena, M. L. Rezola Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 11 pages MSC: 33C45, 42C05

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.1592

Title: Nombres de Bernoulli et une formule de Ramanujan Authors: Oleg Ogievetsky, Vadim Schechtman Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 27 pages MSC: 65B15

Title: On highly transcendental quantities which cannot be expressed by integral formulas Authors: Leonhard Euler Categories: math.HO History and Overview (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs) Comments: 5 pages, E565 MSC: 01A50; 33-03; 33E20

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4739

Title: Finite Gap Jacobi Matrices: An Announcement Authors: Jacob S. Christiansen, Barry Simon, Maxim Zinchenko Categories: math.SP Spectral Theory (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs) Comments: 17 pages, 2 figures MSC: 47B36; 42C05; 47A10; 30F35

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.2742

Title: A massive Feynman integral and some reduction relations for Appell functions Authors: M. A. Shpot Categories: physics.hep-th High Energy Physics - Theory (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs; physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics) Comments: 19 pages. To appear in Journal of Mathematical Physics

Journal reference: Journ. Math. Phys. 48, 123512 (2007) (DOI)

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.2454

Title: Ladder Operators for q-orthogonal Polynomials Authors: Yang Chen, Mourad E. H. Ismail Categories: physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs) Comments: 14 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.1579

**Title:** Holomorphic dynamics, Painlevé VI equation and Character Varieties **Authors:** Serge Cantat (IRMAR), Frank Loray (IRMAR) **Categories:** math.DS Dynamical Systems (math.AG Algebraic Geometry; math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs)

Title: Wall rational functions and Khrushchev's formula for orthogonal rational functions Authors: Olav Njastad, Luis Velazquez Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 40 pages MSC: 42C05

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.4299

Title: P-symbols, Heun Identities, and 3F2 Identities Authors: Robert S. Maier Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 20 pages MSC: 33E30 (Primary) 33C05, 33C20, 34M35 (Secondary)

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.4253

**Title:** Determinants of elliptic hypergeometric integrals **Authors:** E. M. Rains, V. P. Spiridonov **Categories:** math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs **Comments:** 17 pages, LaTeX

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.4106

Title: Orthogonal Polynomials from Hermitian Matrices Authors: Satoru Odake, Ryu Sasaki Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.QA Quantum Algebra; physics.hep-th High Energy Physics - Theory; physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics) Comments: 52 pages, no figures Report number: DPSU-07-5, YITP-07-91

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.3902

Title: Addition Theorems Via Continued Fractions Authors: Mourad E. H. Ismail, Jiang Zeng Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.CO Combinatorics) Comments: 34 pages MSC: 33D15, 33 C15, 30E05. 05A15

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.3856 Title: Topics in Special Functions

Authors: G. D. Anderson, M. K. Vamanamurthy, M. Vuorinen

Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.CV Complex Variables) Comments: 22 pages Report number: Report 83, Univ. Jyväskylä (2001), 5-26, ISBN 951-39-1120-9 MSC: 33-02, 33B15, 33C05, 33C65, 33E05

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.3478

Title: The Kadets 1/4 theorem for polynomials Authors: J. Marzo, K. Seip Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 7 pages MSC: 26D05; 30D55

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.3091

Title: Orthogonal polynomials and partial differential equations on the unit ball Authors: Miguel Pinar, Yuan Xu Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 9 MSC: 33C50, 33E30, 42C05

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.2738

Title: Orthogonal Laurent polynomials on the unit circle and snake-shaped matrix factorizations Authors: Ruyman Cruz Barroso, Steven Delvaux Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 29 pages, 5 figures

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.2125

Title: On an identity by Pieter de Jong. I Authors: Tom H. Koornwinder, Michael J. Schlosser Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 6 pages MSC: 33-01, 33B20, 33C05, 13F07

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.1460

Title: Bounds on Tur{á}n determinants Authors: Christian Berg (University of Copenhagen), Ryszard Szwarc (University of Wroclaw) Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs MSC: 33C45;26D07

Title: An expansion for polynomials orthogonal over an analytic Jordan curve Authors: Erwin Miña-Díaz Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.CV Complex Variables) Comments: 15 pages, 1 figure MSC: 05E35

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.1333

**Title:** Non-intersecting squared Bessel paths and multiple orthogonal polynomials for modified Bessel weights

Authors: A. B. J. Kuijlaars, A. Martinez-Finkelshtein, F. Wielonsky Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs (math.PR Probability Theory; physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics) Comments: 59 pages, 11 figures

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.0292

Title: An algorithm for evaluating the Gamma function and ramifications Authors: D. Karayannakis Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 12 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.0069

Title: Generalized Bochner theorem: characterization of the Askey-Wilson polynomials Authors: Luc Vinet, Alexei Zhedanov Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 16 pages MSC: 33C45; 42C05

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.0058

Title: Elliptic solutions of the Toda chain and a generalization of the Stieltjes-Carlitz polynomials Authors: Alezei Zhedanov Categories: math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs Comments: 36 pages, submitted to Ramanujan J MSC: 33C47; 33E05; 37K10

Title: On the irrationality of Ramanujan's mock theta functions and other q-series at an infinite number of points Authors: Angelo B. Mingarelli Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs) Comments: Preprint, Dec. 24, 2007: 11 pages MSC: 11J72

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.1332

Title: Ramanujan-type formulae for \$1/\pi\$: A second wind? Authors: Wadim Zudilin Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.CA Classical Analysis and ODEs) Comments: 13 pages MSC: 11F11, 11Y60, 33C20 (Primary); 05A19, 11B65, 11J82, 11M06, 14H52, 14J32, 33C75, 33F10, 34M50, 40G99, 65B10, 65Q05 (Secondary)

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4030

Title: Pauli Pascal Pyramids, Pauli Fibonacci Numbers, and Pauli Jacobsthal Numbers Authors: Martin Erik Horn Categories: math.GM General Mathematics Comments: 33 pages, 22 figures

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.0481

Title: On q-deformed Stirling numbers Authors: Yilmaz Simsek Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.GM General Mathematics) Comments: 7 pages MSC: 11B39, 11B68, 11B73

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.0934

Title: The cycle problem: an intriguing periodicity to the zeros of the Riemann zeta function Authors: David D. Baugh (Rice University) Categories: math.GM General Mathematics Comments: 5 pages, 9 figures MSC: 11Y40, 11M26

Title: Generalized Christoffel-Darboux formula for classical skew-orthogonal polynomials Authors: Ghosh Saugata Categories: physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics Comments: 30 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4082

Title: Peakons and Cauchy Biorthogonal Polynomials Authors: M. Bertola, M. Gekhtman, J. Szmigielski Categories: nlin.SI Exactly Solvable and Integrable Systems (physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics) Comments: 55 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.3408

Title: New connection formulae for some q-orthogonal polynomials in q-Askey scheme Authors: Abdelkader Yanallah (LPQ3M, LAPTH), Mohammed Brahim Zahaf (LPQ3M, LAPTH) Categories: physics.hep-th High Energy Physics - Theory (physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics) Report number: LAPTH-1215/07

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.1046

Title: Polylogarithms, hyperfunctions and generalized Lipschitz summation formulae Authors: Stefano Marmi, Piergiulio Tempesta Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.CV Complex Variables; physics.mathph Mathematical Physics) Comments: 15 pages

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4412

Title: Stirling's formula derived simply Authors: Joseph B. Keller Categories: math.CO Combinatorics Comments: 4 pages MSC: 33B15; 11B37

Title: Partition Polynomials: Asymptotics and Zeros Authors: Robert P. Boyer, William M. Y. Goh Categories: math.CO Combinatorics (math.NT Number Theory) MSC: 05C38, 15A15, 05A15, 15A18

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.1400

Title: Polynomials associated with Partitions: Polynomials associated with Partitions: Their Asymptotics and Zeros Authors: Robert P. Boyer, William M. Y. Goh Categories: math.CO Combinatorics Comments: 4 figures

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.4185

**Title:** Appell polynomials and their relatives II. Boolean theory **Authors:** Michael Anshelevich **Categories:** math.OA Operator Algebras (math.CO Combinatorics) **MSC:** Primary 46L53; Secondary 46L54, 05E35, 30B70

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.4087

Title: On the difference of partial theta functions Authors: Alexander Berkovich Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.CO Combinatorics) Comments: 6 pages MSC: 33D15

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.3665

Title: Sharp tridiagonal pairs Authors: Kazumasa Nomura, Paul Terwilliger Categories: math.RA Rings and Algebras (math.CO Combinatorics) Comments: 24 pages MSC: 05E35

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.1707

Title: Stokes matrices of hypergeometric integrals Authors: Alexey Glutsyuk, Christophe Sabot Categories: math.DS Dynamical Systems (math.CV Complex Variables) Comments: 2 figures MSC: 34M40

Title: Special Values of Generalized Polylogarithms Authors: S. A. Zlobin Categories: math.NT Number Theory (math.CV Complex Variables) Comments: 32 pages MSC: 11M06; 11Y60; 30B10; 30E20; 33B15; 33B30; 33C05

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.5005

Title: Fast methods to compute the Riemann zeta function Authors: Ghaith Ayesh Hiary Categories: math.NT Number Theory Comments: Corrected Typos MSC: 11Y16

# http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.5002

Title: A nearly-optimal method to compute the truncated theta function, its derivatives, and integrals Authors: Ghaith Ayesh Hiary Categories: math.NT Number Theory Comments: Two figures. Corrected Typos MSC: 11Y16

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0711.4898

Title: Values of coefficients of cyclotomic polynomials II Authors: Chun-Gang Ji, Wei-Ping Li, Pieter Moree Categories: math.NT Number Theory Comments: 5 pages MSC: 11B83; 11C08

#### http://front.math.ucdavis.edu/0712.0705

Title: A quantum mechanical model of the Riemann zeros Authors: German Sierra Categories: physics.math-ph Mathematical Physics (math.NT Number Theory; physics.cond-mat Condensed Matter; physics.hep-th High Energy Physics - Theory; physics.quant-ph Quantum Physics) Comments: 42 pages, 12 figures Topic #7------OP-SF NET 15.1------January 15, 2008From: OP-SF NET EditorsSubject: About the Activity Group

The SIAM Activity Group on Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions consists of a broad set of mathematicians, both pure and applied. The Group also includes engineers and scientists, students as well as experts. We have around 140 members scattered about in more than 20 countries. Whatever your specialty might be, we welcome your participation in this classical, and yet modern, topic. Our WWW home page is:

# http://math.nist.gov/opsf/

This is a convenient point of entry to all the services provided by the Group. Our Webmaster is Bonita Saunders (bonita.saunders@nist.gov).

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For several years the Activity Group sponsored a printed Newsletter, most recently edited by Rafael Yanez. Back issues are accessible at: http://www.mathematik.uni-kassel.de/~koepf/siam.html

Given the widespread availability of email and the Internet, the need for the printed Newsletter has decreased. Discussions are underway concerning whether an annual printed Newsletter or Annual Report should be instituted. SIAM has several categories of membership, including low-cost categories for students and residents of developing countries. For current information on SIAM and Activity Group membership, contact:

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Finally, the Activity Group operates an email discussion group, called OP-SF Talk. To subscribe, send the email message

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http://math.nist.gov/opsftalk/archive

# Topic #8 ------ OP-SF NET 15.1 ------ January 15, 2008

From: OP-SF NET Editors Subject: Submitting contributions to OP-SF NET

To contribute a news item to OP-SF NET, send email to poly@siam.org with a copy to one of the OP-SF Editors dominicd@newpaltz.edu or muldoon@yorku.ca . Contributions to OP-SF NET 15.2 should be sent by March 1, 2008.

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