

## Minutes of the 4th ANZAMP AGM, Newcastle

1. Meeting commenced 4:45pm, Thursday 10 December.
2. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.
3. **Apologies:** No apologies were raised.
4. **Report of the chair:** Jan de Gier noted that we had successfully transitioned to a division of AustMS which means, among other things, that we have a representative on the steering committee and council. He urged members to review their personal page on the ANZAMP website and send us their unique arXiv identifier. Finally, he thanked the executive committee for their hard work and introduced the new committee, handing over proceedings to the new chair, Tim Garoni.
5. **Next ANZAMP:** Volunteers were sought to host the next congress. Jonathan Kress has agreed to organise it at, or near, UNSW in Feb. 2017. This was accepted by the attendees. The change from Dec. to Feb. was explained to be required to avoid AustMS who have decided to move their annual meeting to Dec. There was some discussion about having NZ host a future ANZAMP, maybe Auckland in 2018?
6. **APCTP:** Paul Pearce has asked ANZAMP to formally endorse him as chair of the APCTP (his term is coming up for renewal in mid-2016). The attendees voted to approve this endorsement. There was some discussion concerning ANZAMP becoming a financial member of APCTP in the future, preferably after a planned transition to make the membership fee negotiable. It was decided to discuss this further with Paul when this transition comes to pass.

Vladimir Bazhanov asked if we have an Australian representative on the mathematical physics commission of IUPAP. It was explained that Jan de Gier was nominated for this, but was declined by IUPAP President Bruce McKellar due to Australia currently being overrepresented within IUPAP.

7. **ERA:** Everyone expressed outrage at the recent ERA rankings for 0105. Peter Bouwknegt explained the process and speculated that the 0105 benchmarks were raised  $\sim 90\%$ , explaining our poor results. It was noted that the ARC is expected to provide more details of these benchmarks to universities before the end of the year.

There was considerable discussion concerning if there is anything we can do to mitigate the result. One idea is to ask AustMS to instigate a dialogue on our behalf after we have had a chance to analyse the new benchmarks. It was noted that while there is no way to change the results, we might be able to build a case for 0105 being ranked through peer review rather than by the relative citation index (as 0101 is ranked). Points to consider included lack of distinction (all universities submitting to 0105 received the same score) and comparisons with other similar codes (we outperformed several others by all ARC measures, but received significantly lower scores).

8. There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 5:30pm.

## Members In Attendance

Michael Assis, Murray Batchelor, Vladimir Bazhanov, Nicholas Beaton, Andrea Bedini, Debra Bernhardt, Peter Bouwknegt, Richard Brak, Richard Brent, Yao-ban Chan, Nathan Clisby, Jan De Gier, Denis Evans, Omar Foda, Tim Garoni, Rod Gover, Tony Guttmann, Mumtaz Hussain, Phillip Isaac, Ernie Kalnins, Jonathan Kress, Sergei Kuzenko, Jon Links, Vladimir Mangazeev, Judy-anne Osborn, Paul Pearce, Robert Pfeifer, Jorgen Rasmussen, David Ridout, Igor Samsonov, Yang Shi, Michael Wheeler, Simon Wood, Yao-Zhong Zhang.

## Apologies

Peter Jarvis.