

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY

The seventy-seventh annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey from Thursday, January 21 through Sunday, January 24, in conjunction with the Association for Symbolic Logic and the Mathematical Association of America. There were 3,513 registrants, including 2,325 members of the Society.

The forty-fourth Josiah Willard Gibbs Lecture, *Ergodic theory and the geodesics on surfaces of negative curvature*, was delivered by Professor Eberhard Hopf of Indiana University at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21. Professor Hopf was introduced by Professor Nathan Jacobson.

The Retiring Presidential Address was presented by Professor Oscar Zariski of Harvard University at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 22. His title was *Some open questions in the theory of singularities*. Professor Zariski was introduced by Professor Nathan Jacobson.

By invitation of the Committee to Select Hour Speakers for Summer and Annual Meetings, there were four invited addresses. Professor Dennis P. Sullivan of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spoke on *Symmetry in manifold theory*. He was introduced by Professor William Browder of Princeton University. Professor Daniel G. Quillen of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spoke on *Cohomology of groups and algebraic K-theory*. He was introduced by Professor Franklin Peterson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor Leopoldo Nachbin of the University of Rochester and Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil spoke on *Recent developments in infinite dimensional holomorphy*. He was introduced by Professor François Trèves of Rutgers University. Professor Harry Kesten of Cornell University spoke on *Some non-linear stochastic growth models*. He was introduced by Professor J. H. B. Kemperman of the University of Rochester.

Two Veblen Prizes were awarded on Saturday, January 23rd, one to Professor Dennis P. Sullivan of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the other to Professor Robion C. Kirby of the University of California at Los Angeles. The prizes were given in recognition of their work as follows: Dennis P. Sullivan, *On the Hauptvermutung for manifolds*, Bull. Amer. Math. Soc. **73** (1967), 598–600; Robion C. Kirby, *Stable homeomorphisms and the annulus conjecture*, Ann. of Math. (2) **89** (1969), 575–582.

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