

NOTICES

- **IN MEMORIAM: WILLEM BLOK.** Professor Willem Blok died tragically in an automobile accident on November 30, 2003 in Chicago, Illinois. He was 56 years old. Born and educated in Holland, he received his doctorate from the University of Amsterdam in 1976. He then held academic positions in Holland and Canada, prior to coming to Chicago in 1983 to assume a position at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Blok was internationally recognized for his mathematical research in the areas of algebra and logic, and on ways these two areas interact. His publications include more than fifty articles and a book, *Algebraizable Logics*, co-authored with D. Pigozzi. At UIC, he was a prize-winning teacher who won praise for his instruction at all levels, from first-year undergraduate classes to advanced graduate seminars.

He was a man of wide-ranging intellect and interests. An accomplished musician, he played in several regular string quartets and was a connoisseur of baroque and classical performance styles, both instrumental and vocal. He was an avid naturalist, expert bird-watcher, and a passionate traveller. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ogilvie, and his son Philip.

- **THE 2003 SACKS PRIZE AWARDED TO I. BEN YAACOV.** The ASL Committee on Prizes and Awards has selected Itay Ben Yaacov of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as the recipient of the 2003 Sacks Prize. Ben Yaacov received his Ph.D. in 2002 from the University of Paris VII, under the supervision of Daniel Lascar. His thesis, *Théories simples: constructions de groupes et interprétabilité généralisée*, was cited by the Committee as, “a major contribution to pure model theory on two intimately related fronts: an extension of simplicity theory beyond the first order context, and the interpretability of groups in simple theories.” The prize consists of a cash award plus five years free membership in the ASL.
- **REDUCED DUES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES.** The ASL recently approved a program to offer reduced dues for individual and institutional members in developing economies. For 2004, the reduced dues are \$18 for individuals and \$130 for institutional members. These dues apply to individuals and institutions residing in countries whose economies are classified as ‘lower middle income’ or below on the World Bank’s annual list. For further information, visit http://www.aslonline.org/membership_outreach.html or contact the ASL Business Office: ASL, Box 742, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12604, USA; Tel: 1-845-437-7080; Fax: 1-845-437-7830; email: asl@vassar.edu.
- **HERBRAND AWARD PRESENTED TO ANDREWS.** Peter B. Andrews, Professor of Mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University, received the Herbrand Award at the the nineteenth International Conference on Automated Deduction (CADE) on August 1, 2003. The Herbrand award is given by CADE Inc. to honor a person or group for exceptional contributions to the field of automated deduction. The award cited Andrews for “his seminal contributions and pioneering research in type theory, mating-based theorem proving, automated deduction in higher-order logic, proof presentation, logic education and his many other contributions to the field of automated reasoning.”
- **CORCORAN AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE.** On October 8, 2003, the University of Santiago de Compostela awarded the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to John Corcoran, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Buffalo. This was followed by a two-day international conference, “The Corcoran Symposium,” in his honor. Invited speakers, in addition to