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TO: Participants in the IMA Graduate Student Program, “Topology and its Applications

FROM: Mississippi State University Staff
Institute for Mathematics & its Applications (IMA) Staff

SUBJECT: Program Information

Congratulations on being nominated to participate in the Institute for Mathematics & its Applications (IMA) 2006 IMA/PI Summer Program for Graduate Students on “Topology and its Applications”. The dates of the program are July 10 – 28, 2006. Mississippi State University, Starkville, is hosting the program.

Travel Information:

Participants are advised to fly into the Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR). The organizers will arrange for ground transportation from the airport to campus. Please contact Kevin Knudson at knudson@math.msstate.edu with your flight arrival and departure information so that he can coordinate transportation from the airport. **Please send Kevin the following information via email with the subject line “IMA travel info”: flight arrival/departure, or if you are driving, when you plan to arrive; t-shirt size; if you are interested in a membership to the campus fitness center (at a cost of \$25 to you); and any special needs you may have.** We encourage you to arrive Sunday, July 9 and depart on Saturday, July 29, as ground transportation to and from Tupelo any other time will be difficult to arrange (since it would be on an individual basis). We encourage all students to attend the full three-week program. The Institute for Mathematics & its Applications (IMA) will support your airfare and ground transportation expenses. We will reimburse the market value of the lowest cost regular round trip airfare at the time of your visit. This airfare will often require up to 21 days advance booking. If you purchase a higher priced ticket, the IMA will partially reimburse the cost, up to the lowest cost regular fare. Reasonable ground transportation costs are also reimbursable (receipts are required for all fares above \$24). If you are driving, the IMA will reimburse 44.5 cents per mile and local parking costs up to the amount of the lowest cost airfare. Please notify both Kevin Knudson at knudson@math.msstate.edu and the IMA staff at visit@ima.umn.edu if you are not able to participate for the full program or need to leave early.

Dorm Information: A Single room with shared bathrooms have been reserved on campus for you. The Dormitory is **Cresswell Hall**. Please see the web site for location and map (<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/housing/creswell.htm>). Rooms are air-conditioned. The rooms include all linens. All rooms have ethernet hook up, refrigerators/microwaves, and cable TV with HBO hook-ups plus wireless lobbies. Check in and check out times can be arranged to suit any schedule. Most of you won't arrive before noon on July 9, and will likely check out by noon on July 29. July weather in Mississippi is hot and humid, with an average daytime high of 91 degrees. Everything is air-conditioned, however, so it's not as rough as it sounds. The IMA will pay for the dormitory rooms directly.

Meal Information:

To allow for maximum flexibility, students will have a flex account card with \$15/day that will permit you to eat anywhere on campus. The cafeteria is perhaps the most economical, but the participants may wish to have lunch in the Union, where there are several fast food options. This is enough so that a student could choose to take all meals in the dining hall, or take one elsewhere.

Funding Information:

The IMA will pay the dormitory directly for your dorm room. Airfare or mileage will also be reimbursed following the guidelines mentioned. There will be a weekly social event planned that will be paid directly for you. You will find an expense reimbursement form in your folder on the first day. Please complete it and return it with receipts and the IMA will reimburse your airfare and ground transportation expenses. The IMA will process your travel reimbursement and your check will be mailed to you. The IMA mailing address is:

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Please visit our IMA web site at <http://www.ima.umn.edu/2005-2006/PISG7.10-28.06/> for further information on the program. The program schedule, lecture room location, abstracts, reading materials and extended lecture summaries from the speakers will be posted as we receive the information. There will also be a complete list of all participants posted on the web site.

Lecture Room location: Swalm Hall, Room 140. Please meet there at 9:00 Monday morning.

Schedule:

9:00--10:00 lecture
10:00--10:30 break
10:30--11:30 lecture
11:30--1:30 lunch
1:30 until ? computer demos/problem sessions

The organizer is also trying to work out some Saturday excursions. Perhaps a day trip to Memphis one weekend, and a canoe trip in Noxubee wildlife refuge another. More details to follow.

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