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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 10:50 AM
Subject: SNSB - 2005/2006
       Dear colleagues,
       > We are organising a vote for several issues concerning the SNS. There are
       > six questions for which we need your decision until Monday Oct. 3. We
       > thank you in advance for your valuable time.
       > 1. Discussion concerning the number of courses that SNS students have to
       > take in order to graduate. The arguments for lowering this number to 2
       > (resp. to keep it at 3) are the following:
       > lowering to 2 courses: the SNS students must take already 4-5 courses/week
       > in their university. Although they say that many of those courses do not
       > interest them, it is still hard to fit in another 8 hours/week at SNS. By
       > reducing the amount of material they will hopefully be able to
       > concentrate better on the remaining courses. Another argument is that
       > because of the busy schedule we are forced to concentrate the courses in
       > 1x4h/week, instead of 2x2h/week.
       > keeping 3 courses: even if because of their busy schedule our students do
       > not have enough time to assimilate the material (most of them, about 60%,
       > have actually important gaps at the end of the courses), one could argue
       > that having 3 lectures instead of 2 helps the students to broaden their
       > mathematical horizon.
       > Please vote for 2 courses/3 courses
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> 2. Choosing the courses. We remind you that SNS offers courses at 3
> levels: level 1 = 1st and second university years, level 2 = preliminary
> cycle (3rd and 4th univ years), level 3 = master. The number of proposals
> (see attachments) for level 1 and 3 is exactly what we need, so all
> proposals should be accepted, except if you have objections. For level 2
> courses, please send us the list of preferred courses among the 9
> proposals below (best first).
> There are two remarks here: N. Manolache would deliver only one lecture
> among the four proposed (the best placed), and C. Ionescu's proposal is a
> 2 semester course, so it counts for 2 if it is chosen.
> 3. How many lectures for the preliminary cycle (level 2 courses) should we
> accept in the list above: 3,4,5 or 6?
> 4. A student who graduated several years ago asks admission to our master.
> We propose to restrict the access to the master. Please vote for one of
> the possibilities below: a student is admitted to the master provided:
> a. he graduated at most 1 year ago
> b. he graduated at most 3 years ago
> c. he graduated at most 5 years ago
> d. he is under 30
> e. he is under 35
> f. no restriction
> 5. Since Nicusor Dan intends to retire, we searched a new administrative
> director for the SNS. It turns out that Dan Schwarz would accept this job
> (his CV is attached). We suggest a 1 year nomination, followed by a new
> vote in September 2006. YES or NO
> 6. Please make suggestions for a Director of the Maths Department. If
> several of the persons proposed accept the job, we will organise a new
> vote
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>> COURSES FOR STUDENTS IN THE FIRST 2 UNIVERSITY YEARS (level
1)
>> 1. Radu Gologan (IMAR si "Politehnica" Univ. Bucharest), Calin Popescu
>> (IMAR):
>> Nineteenth Century Mathematics- Selected Topics. About numbers and pictures
>> 2. Nicolae Popa (University of Bucharest):
>> Introduction in Mathematical Analysis: The evolution of important
>> notions from the beginnings to our times.
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>> COURSES FOR THE PRELIMINARY CYCLE (level 2)
       >> 1. Alexandru Gica (University oh Bucharest):
       >> Rational points on Elliptic Curves.
       >> 2. Andrei Halanay (University of Bucharest):
       >> Operator Theory and Retarded Functional Differential Equations
       >> 3. Cristodor Ionescu (IMAR):
       >> Homolgical algebra and applications I+II
       >> 4. Nicolae Manolache (IMAR):
       >> Representation Theory
       >> 5. Nicolae Manolache (IMAR):
       >> Elliptic Curves
       >> 6. Nicolae Manolache (IMAR):
       >> Abelian Varieties
       >> 7. Nicolae Manolache (IMAR):
       >> Complements of Algebraic Geometry (or Algebraic Geometry II)
       >> 8. Eugen Mihailescu (IMAR):
       >> Introduction to Dynamical Systems.
       >> 9. Serban Stratila (University of Bucharest):
       >> K-theory for C*-algebras
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       >> MASTER IN GEOMETRY AND TOPOLOGY (level 3)
       >> 1. Marian Aprodu (IMAR):
       >> Geometry of Toric Varieties
       >> 2. Liviu Ornea (University of Bucharest):
       >> Introduction to symplectic geometry
       >> MASTER IN MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS AND SPECTRAL THEORY OF
       OUANTUM HAMILTONIANS
       >> 1. Radu Purice (IMAR):
       >> Quantum Hamiltonians: spectral analysis and asymptotics for the evolution
       >> 2. Vincentiu Radulescu (University of Craiova):
       >> Nonlinear Analysis and Applications in Mathematical Physics
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Subject: SNSB - vote results
> Dear colleagues.
> Thank you for the time spent to answer our last message. Here are the vote
> results as well as some necessary comments:
> Total: 12 votes (not everybody answered all questions).
> 1. 3 courses: 2 votes, 2 courses: 9 votes. Decision: a student in the
> preliminary cycle has to take 2 courses in order to graduate.
> 2. We truncate all votes to 6 items. Courses #8 and #9 get 9 votes, #1 and
> #4 get 8 votes, #2 and #3 get 6 votes, the others less than 5 votes. In
> order to distinguish between #2 and #3, we noticed that #3 was put 4 times
> on the first position, while #2 was put 3 times on position 4 and 3 times
> on position 5. This indicates a clear preference for #3. The result is:
> 8,9,1,4,3,2. Besides, the professor for course #3 (Cristodor Ionescu) is
> on leave until mid November, so he would hold only one semester of
> Homological Algebra this year and not 2 as he initially proposed.
> 3. There were 3 votes for 5 courses, 2 votes for at least 4 and 6 votes
> for 4 courses. Since there is no clear preference between 4 and 5, we
> think that the best solution is to authorize 5 courses this year in order
> to have the possibility to cancel one of the 5 courses in case of lack of
> interest from the students. Summarizing, we choose the courses 1,3,4,8,9
> for the preliminary cycle.
> 4. a: 2 votes, b: 2 votes, c: 4 votes, d: 3 votes. We suggest to adopt the
> rule c+d: a candidate for the master should have less than 30 years AND to
> have graduated less than 5 years ago. This decision is for the moment
> only theoretical since the older candidate seem to have withdrawn his
> application.
> 5. yes: 10 votes, one abstention.
> 6. The proposals for the director of the maths department are: N. Dan, R.
> Gologan, S. Moroianu, R. Purice, D. Timotin. We will consult all these
> people and if we get more than one acceptation we will vote again.
> A. Moroianu
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