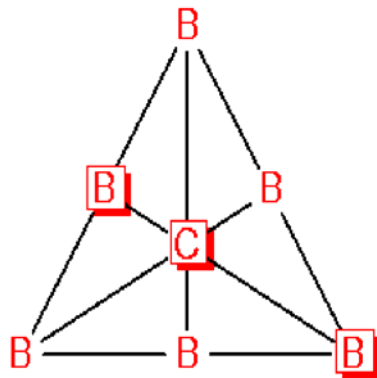


British Combinatorial Bulletin 2008



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This is the 2008 British Combinatorial Bulletin. The format is essentially as in previous years. We hope that the additional Newsletter (now produced twice a year, in April and October) will help to convey some rather more informal information.

Can I again thank all institutional representatives for their enormous help in preparing this Bulletin. The BCB is very much what you make of it, and thus your suggestions (or those of your colleagues) for improvements remain very welcome. If anyone is interested in becoming a representative for an institution which doesn't currently have one, please let me know – the object of the exercise is to spread information, and so the more representatives we can have the better.

Finally, a very large vote of thanks is due to Chris Saker and Cat Gentry for their technical help with the preparation of this Bulletin.

David Penman
Editor
April 29th 2008.

The BCB webpage is: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/math/BCB/>

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The British Combinatorial Committee is a charity registered in Scotland, No: SC019723.

Committee Membership.

The Committee currently consists of: Peter Cameron (Chairman), Peter Rowlinson (Secretary), Keith Edwards (Treasurer), Sophie Huczynska (BCC22 Local Organiser), Haris Aziz (2008 PCC organiser), David Penman (Bulletin editor), Bridget Webb (Archivist), Graham Brightwell, Mark Jerrum, Stephanie Perkins, and James Hirschfeld (co-opted member).

Support for Conferences

Please contact the British Combinatorial Committee if you are thinking of organizing a meeting on combinatorial topics in the UK: in most cases, the Committee can offer financial support. Institutions requesting support are normally expected to make a contribution from their own funds or elsewhere. Proposals for consideration by the Committee, including outline plans and an outline budget, should be sent by email to the Secretary, Peter Rowlinson (p.rowlinson@stirling.ac.uk)

Archive

Bridget Webb now holds the archive at the Open University. If you have any items for inclusion or would like to see any items please contact her: B.S.Webb@open.ac.uk

News of forthcoming meetings.

Those interested in forthcoming meetings are reminded that they can find two excellent lists of such events at <http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/~pjc/bcc/conferences.html> and also at <http://www.math.uiuc.edu/~west/meetlist.html>. We concentrate here on events supported by the BCC. There may also be some information on non-BCC events in the British Combinatorial Newsletter:

Two-day Combinatorics Colloquium at QMUL and LSE – May 2008.

There will be two linked 1-day meetings on Combinatorics in London on **Wednesday 21 May 2008** (at QMUL) and on **Thursday 22 May 2008** (at LSE). Several talks at QMUL on the Wednesday will be on Latin squares, in honour of Donald Keedwell's 80th birthday.

On **Wednesday 21 May** at **Queen Mary**, the events begin at **10.30 a.m.** Lectures will be in the Mathematics Lecture Theatre, directions to which can be found at <http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/about/location.shtml>. Speakers will be Peter Borg (Malta), Roland Haggkvist (Umeå), Anthony Hilton (QMUL), Donald Keedwell (Surrey), Imre Leader (Cambridge) and Emil Vaughan (QMUL). Queries about this part of the meeting to Robert Johnson (r.johnson@qmul.ac.uk).

On **Thursday 22 May** at **LSE**, events begin (earlier...) at **10.00 a.m.** Talks will be

held in the New Theatre (E171), in the East Building (entrance on Houghton street: directions to it, and maps, at

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/mapsAndDirections/Default.htm>). The speakers will be Petra Berenbrink (Simon Fraser), Reinhard Diestel (Hamburg), Deryk Osthus (Birmingham), Oliver Riordan (Oxford), John Talbot (UCL) and Dave Wagner (Waterloo). Queries about this part of the meeting to Graham Brightwell (g.r.brightwell@lse.ac.uk).

More details, including many of the titles, are available on the joint website for the conferences, namely <http://www.cdam.lse.ac.uk/colloquia-in-combinatorics.html> The meetings are funded by the LMS and the BCC. Please note the point about the desirability of those who think they will be coming to the informal meal on the Wednesday night (probably at an Indian restaurant in Brick Lane) advising Robert Johnson of this fact.

22nd PCC at Warwick, 21-23 July 2008.

This year's PCC is at the University of Warwick (under the auspices of DIMAP, Warwick's new centre for Discrete Mathematics and its Applications). The organizers are Haris Aziz (Warwick), Manuela Heuer (Open), Emil Vaughan (QMUL) and Simon Griffiths (Cambridge). The website for the conference is <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/pcc2008/> and the invited speakers are Olivier Hudry (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications), Imre Leader (Cambridge) and Ian Stewart (Warwick). There is a blog for the conference at <http://blogs.warwick.ac.uk/pcc08/>, and queries should be sent to pcc@dcs.warwick.ac.uk.

Registration is open. – see the website. *Please note that there is a reduced registration fee for those who register early.* As usual, the aim will be to encourage postgraduates to talk about their research for 20 minutes in a non-intimidating atmosphere.

Open University Winter Combinatorics Meeting 2009.

The 10th OU Winter Combinatorics one-day meeting will take place on **Wednesday 28 January 2009**. Details will be made available at <http://puremaths.open.ac.uk/combin/> which at present contains details of the previous meeting, in January 2008.

Oxford 1-day meeting in Combinatorics 2009.

The 2009 Oxford meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 March 2009**. (Note reversion to Wednesday as the day of the week, after an exceptional move to Friday in 2008). More details at <http://www2.maths.ox.ac.uk/combinatorics/> in due course: at present, this site contains details of the previous meeting, on Friday 14 March 2008.

BCC2009

The 2009 BCC (the 22nd) will be at St. Andrews, from **Sunday 5-Friday 10 July 2009**. The website is <http://bcc2009.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/> The Local Organiser is Sophie Huczynska and the other organisers are James Mitchell and Colva Roney-Dougal.

Email queries to bcc2009@mcs.st-and.ac.uk

The invited speakers are: Arrigo Bonisoli (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Peter Cameron (QMUL), [Willem Haemers](#) (Tilburg), [Gholamreza Khosrovshahi](#) (IPM Tehran), Sasha [Kostochka](#) (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), [Daniela Kühn](#) (Birmingham), [Marc Noy](#) (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), Oliver Riordan (Oxford) and Neil Sloane (AT&T). Details of how to get to St. Andrews can be found on the website.

BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007

Year to	Year to
30/9/2006	30/9/2007
Receipts	£
£	
Interest	1111.03
947.29	
Royalties from Cambridge University Press	123.59
931.09	
Total receipts	<u>1234.62</u>
<u>1878.38</u>	
Payments	
Grants for one-day conferences	850.00
882.70	
Insurance for BCC21, Reading, July 2007	410.00
(Travel expenses for one invited speaker to BCC20, Durham)	
67.00	
(Grant for Reading 2-day conference, May 2006)	
2500.00	
Grant for Queen Mary/LSE one-day conferences, May 2007	1500.00
(British Combinatorial Bulletin)	
220.00	
Open University Combinatorics Prizes	100.00
100.00	
Deposit for 2007 Postgraduate Combinatorics Conference	240.00
Expenses for committee meetings (paid to 2 committee members)	226.90
88.23	
Total payments	<u>3326.90</u>
<u>3857.93</u>	
Surplus/(deficit) for year	(2092.28)
(1979.55)	

All funds are unrestricted.

Statement of Balances as at 30 September **2007**
2006

£

£

Bank Accounts:

Opening Balances	26182.67
28162.22	
Surplus/deficit for the year	(2092.28)
(1979.55)	

Closing balances	<u>24090.39</u>
<u>26182.67</u>	

Made up of:

Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	531.58
1717.97	

Scottish Widows Bank Treasury Tracker Account	23558.81
24464.70	

24090.39

26182.67

Keith Edwards

BCC Treasurer

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Please note that the above accounts have still to be approved or otherwise by the Committee at its meeting in May 2008. Queries relating to the accounts to Keith Edwards.

