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AT GRADUATE HOUSE**
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**MEMBERS OF THE
2014-2015
COMMITTEE**

Graduate Women WA
our new life member
and Vice President Jenny Mills



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
AND SUPERVISORS.**

GRADUATE CHORUS



Above, from left, Robyn Carroll, Fiona McCaughey, and Holly Cullen

Inaugural Leah Jane Scholarship Awarded

2014 saw the Leah Jane Scholarship awarded for the first time. The winning scholar was Fiona McCaughey, seen here with Robyn Carrol, Law Professor UWA, and Holly Cullen, Winthrop Professor/Director of Higher Degrees (Research) UWA.

Graduate Women WA could not have wished for a more worthy winner. Fiona’s research involves exploring the role of non-governmental organisations in monitoring human rights law at a domestic level. She is looking at the international context and doing an Australian case study. The award provides \$2,000 for the next three years. Fiona will use the money to travel to a conference in Copenhagen in 2014, to travel to observe a session of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and interview UN and NGO stakeholders in 2015, and in 2016, to travel to Brisbane and Melbourne to disseminate key findings to NGOs at conferences and seminars.

CHERYL ELISABETH PRAEGAR

Winthrop Professor of Mathematics, University of Western Australia

AM, FAA, FAustMS, FTICA, BSc Qld, MSc Qld & Oxf., DPhil Oxf., DSc W.Aust., Hon.DSc Prince of Songkla, Hon.DHC Libre de Bruxelles, AMusA

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & HONOURS

- 2014 Honorary Member, London Mathematical Society
- 2014 Foreign Secretary, Australian Academy of Science (and member of the Academy Council and Excom 2014-18)
- 2013 Thomas Ranken Lyle Medal (Mathematics), Aust Academy of Science
- 2013 Honorary Life Member, Australian Mathematical Society
- 2013 Second International Conference on Group Actions and Transitive Graphs, Yunnan University, in honour of my 65th birthday
- 2012 Foundation Fellow, American Mathematical Society 2012-14 Distinguished Adjunct Professor, King Abdulaziz University
- 2011 Moyal Medal and Lecture (Mathematics), Macquarie University
2009 Western Australian Scientist of the Year (WA Government) (Still the only mathematician, and the only woman, to be awarded)
- 2009 International Conference: Group Theory, Combinatorics and Computation, UWA, in honour of my 60th birthday
- 2008 Second International Workshop on Group Theory and Algebraic Combinatorics, Beijing and Kunming, in honour of my 60th birthday
- 2007 First Australian-based member of the Executive Committee, International Mathematical Union

Congratulations

Cheryl!



Dr Cheryl Praegar has added two achievements to the list that makes up her stellar career. She has been elected a member of the prestigious London Mathematical Society, and she recently returned from New Zealand where she went as Foreign Secretary for the Australian Academy of Science. The President of the Academy asked her to be the Australian voting delegate.

The Foreign Secretary is an Officer of the Australian Academy of Science, and as such is a member both of the Academy's Council and also of the Executive Committee of the Council, which is called EXCOM. The term is for four years from the end of May 2014.

- 2007 First pure mathematician to win an Australian Research Council Federation Fellowship
- 2006 ISI Highly Cited Researcher (Thomson Reuters)
- 2005 Doctor Honoris Causa (DHC), Universite Libre de Bruxelles,
- 2003 Centenary Medal (Australian Government, service to Mathematics)
- 2002 Invited lecture, International Congress of Mathematicians, Beijing
- 1999 Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for service to Mathematics in Australia, especially through research and professional associations
- 1996 Fellow (FAA), Australian Academy of Science
- 1993 D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) Prince of Songkla University
- 1992 First woman to be President of the Australian Mathematical Society
- 1983 Second woman Professor of Mathematics at an Australian university (the first was Hanna Neumann, appointed 1964)

The London Mathematical Society will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2015.

Opening Event Friday 16th January 2015

For those of you with a mathematics background, or just a general interest, the launch event for the Society's celebration will be live streamed which means that it can be watched by all on a computer or other device that connects to the internet. The event is suitable for the entire spectrum of society from secondary school children and their parents, undergraduates, postgraduates and the wider academic community, through to the general public.

The talks will show how mathematics touches so many parts of our daily lives in exciting ways and will be given by distinguished mathematicians at the cutting-edge of mathematics research, whose successes have contributed to, amongst others, the invention of the XBox KINECT motion sensor, linking signals to masts which enables the use of mobile phones, and the mathematics in the making of TV classics such as Dr Who and Sherlock and blockbuster films including Harry Potter and the Life of Pi.

GRADUATE WOMEN WA SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY WINNERS



above from left: Cindy Branch-Smith, Jenny Rodgers, Audrey Appudurai, *don't know*, Fiona McGaughey, Jessica Moncrieff-Boyd



above right, Cindy Branch-Smith with her proud supervisor *don't know*.

Below, Felicity congratulates Audrey Appudurai



above from left: new committee member Stacey Martin with Jessica Moncrieff-Boyd.

below Hilary Silbert (left) with Fiona McGaughey winner of the Leah Jane Cohen Bursary



AWARD	WINNER	University	AMOUNT AWARDED
GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship	Kalina Makoweicki	University of WA	\$4000
GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship	Cindy Branch-Smith	Edith Cowan University	\$4000
GWWA Mary Walters Bursary	Vanessa Jaitch	Murdoch University	\$3000
GWWA Mary and Elsie Stevens Busary	Audrey Appudurai	Murdoch University	\$2000
GWWA Jillian Bradshaw Bursary	Jessica Moncrieff-Boyd	University of WA	\$3000
GWWA Joyce Riley Bursary	Elizabeth Dumu	Curtin University	\$2000
Leah Jane Cohen Bursary	Fiona McGaughey	UWA	\$2000



Phd Student Supervisors Jenny Rodgers (*left*) and don't know (*right*) collect cheques from Felicity Farrelly on behalf of their winning students.



AGM ROUNDUP

New President Jasmine Lamb, right, presents retired president Felicity Farrelly with a souvenir photo book that records some of the moments of her 3 year presidency.

The New Graduate Women WA Committee as elected at the AGM on 28th October 2014

Jasmine Lamb	<i>President</i>
Felicity Farrelly	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
Sally Male	<i>Vice-President</i>
Jenny Mills	<i>Vice President</i>
Wendy McCallum	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Izan Izan	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>
Stacey Martin	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
Jenny Jones	<i>News-Letter Editor</i>

Subcommittee Chairs and Other Representatives

Alison Hayden	CIR
Jenny Jones	Education
Brigitte Monchouguy	Status of Women
Jenny Mills	Peace & Human Rights
Ruth Taylor	St Catherine's Representative
Jasmine Lamb & Jenny Jones	CTW Representatives
Felicity Bradshaw	Membership Convener

Committee Members

Margaret Giles, Alison Hayden, Rhoda Chance, Brigitte Monchouguy, Helen Charlesworth

from left:
Brigitte Monchouguy
Alison Hayden
Helen Charlesworth
Sally Male
Felicity Farrelly
Margaret Giles
Izan Izan
Jasmine Lamb
Stacey Martin
Jenny Jones

