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# 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics

FPSAC 2002

July 8 – 12, 2002

The University of Melbourne (Australia)

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First announcement – Call for papers

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## Topics

All aspects of combinatorics and their relationship with other parts of mathematics, computer science and physics.

## Conference program

Invited lectures, contributed presentations, poster session, problem session and software demonstrations.

## Official languages

The official languages of the conference are English and French.

## Invited Speakers

The list of invited speakers is not complete yet. However, the following scientists have already accepted to give an invited talk at FPSAC 2002: Hélène Barcelo (USA), Alan Sokal (USA), Philippe Di Francesco (France), Christian Krattenthaler (Austria), Thomas Prellberg (Germany), Peter Forrester (Australia), Brendan McKay (Australia), Jan de Gier (Australia), Ole Warnaar (Australia).

## Call for papers and posters

Authors are invited to submit **either** extended abstracts of at most twelve pages, or full articles of at most twenty-five pages by *December 15, 2001*.

Note that this constitutes an extension of the system used at previous conferences. The idea is that those who wish to submit full articles will only have to undergo one cycle of refereeing. Their papers will appear both in the conference proceedings and in the subsequent published journal volume. If extended abstracts are submitted, they will, as previously, be refereed for the conference. Subsequently, authors will be invited to submit full articles of the extended abstracts for journal publication. These will then be refereed by the relevant journal.

The aim of the current proposal is to simplify matters for those ready to submit a full article. Please indicate, on your submission, whether it is an extended abstract or a full article.

To submit your papers, preferably use the submission server of the conference, which is available through the Internet at the URL <http://www.fpsac.ms.unimelb.edu.au/>. If you are unable to use the web for submission, please email [fpsac-submission@ms.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:fpsac-submission@ms.unimelb.edu.au) for further instructions.

The submitted papers should begin with a summary written in English and French (translations will be provided if necessary). Authors should indicate the mode of presentation which they consider appropriate for their paper, i.e. lecture or poster session. Notification of acceptance or rejection is scheduled for late February 2002.

## Open problem session

Contributions to the problem session are invited in advance of the conference dates. People interested in submitting a problem should submit it as described above, before *June 1, 2002*.

## Software demonstrations

Demonstrations of software relevant to the topics of the conference are encouraged. People interested in giving a software demonstration should submit before *February 15, 2002* a paper including the hardware requirements, as described above.

## Program committee

Susumu Ariki (Tokyo)	Gilbert Labelle (UQAM)
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## Participant support

We have applied for grants to provide partial support of participants—in particular of students and junior scientists. The success or otherwise of these grant applications will be posted on our website as soon as they become available. If the applications are successful, requests for such support should contain a letter of recommendation and include the estimated transportation and living expenses for the duration of the conference as well as the amount of any support available from other sources. All requests should be sent *in duplicate by January 15, 2002* to the following address: Prof. Anthony Guttman, FPSAC 2002, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, The University of Melbourne, VIC. 3010, AUSTRALIA.

## Location

The conference will take place on the campus of the University of Melbourne, located in Parkville, Melbourne, Australia. The first talk is scheduled for *July 8, 2002* at 9:00 a.m.

## Accommodation

On-campus single accommodation with shared bathroom and laundry facilities is available at \$55 AUD per night. A choice of standard hotel accommodation, most within easy walking distance of the campus, can be found on the conference website.

## Further information

All important information concerning FPSAC 2002 can be found on the conference web site available through the Internet at the http address <http://www.fpsac.ms.unimelb.edu.au/>. More details will be given in future announcements. For any further question, write to [fpsac@ms.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:fpsac@ms.unimelb.edu.au).

## Organising committee

Nantel Bergeron (York), Richard Brak (Melbourne), Catherine Greenhill (Melbourne), Anthony Guttman (Melbourne, *Chair*), and Aleks Owczarek (Melbourne).

## Registration

Until *April 1, 2002*, the regular registration fee is \$440 AUD. A reduced fee of \$220 AUD is offered for students. These fees will respectively be \$660 AUD and \$330 AUD in case of payment after April 1, 2002. (These prices include the recently introduced Goods and Services Tax, so  $\frac{1}{11}$  of this fee goes to the Australian Government.)

## Currency

All prices are quoted in Australian dollars (AUD). At the time of this announcement, \$1 AUD is worth approximately 0.585 Euro, \$0.535 US and 64 Yen.