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EPSRC announcement – The shape of things to come

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) has today published the decisions of its Shaping Capability initiative and forthcoming changes to fellowships and peer review.

Professor Frank Kelly Chair, Council for the Mathematical Sciences (CMS) said that “Mathematical sciences underpin our 21st century technology, economy and society, and this is recognised in the employment market, where the prospects for our graduates and postgraduates are amongst the best. The flow of trained mathematical scientists into other disciplines and into the industries of the future relies upon our universities’ research and teaching excellence. However, very few young researchers trained in the UK are being appointed to lecturing positions in the mathematical sciences in the UK: this is a vulnerability which we hope the EPSRC’s future strategy will address.”

Notes for editors

1. The **Council for the Mathematical Sciences** (CMS) provides an authoritative and objective body that exists to develop, influence and respond to UK policy issues that affect the mathematical sciences in higher education and research, and therefore the UK economy and society in general. The CMS was established in 2001 by the Institute of Mathematics and its applications (IMA), the London Mathematical Society (LMS) and the Royal Statistical Society (RSS). In 2008 the Edinburgh Mathematical Society (EMS) and the Operational Research Society (ORS) became members of the CMS, providing the CMS with a broader view across mathematical sciences and throughout the UK.

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