

Banff International Research Station

for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery

Diversity in the Mathematics and Scientific Community I and II July 27- 29, 2007

Friday: Informal reception, BIRS lounge, 7:30pm-10pm

Saturday

9-9:30: Brief introduction of participants:

9:30-10:45:

Panel on various diversity initiatives

Chair: R. Kuske

Chawne Kimber, Cathy Kessel, Petra Bonfert-Taylor, Abba Gumel

(panelists highlight one or two existing and/or new diversity initiatives, then open the floor for

discussion)

Questions: How to advertise them?

How to institutionalize them?

What documents exist that could serve as guidelines?

Guidelines for whom?

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00- 12:30:

International perspectives:

What programs exist to support diversity outside of North America?

What programs exist for cooperation between countries? How can they support diversity?

Korea: Gilja Jhon, Kyewon Koh Park

Brazil: Suani Pinho

Denmark: Eric Pedersen PRIMA: Alejandro Adem

12:30-2:30 Working lunch: Break into groups and identify:

Key Programs/Policies to support diversity in hiring/recruitment/retention/mentoring

Groups: two groups of dept. heads and administrators

Groups: 2-3 groups of faculty: mix of near tenure and more senior faculty

Korten, Marianne

Bonfert-Taylor, Petra

Cameron, Kathie

Clelland, Jeanne

Colijn, Caroline

Pereyra, Maria Cristina

Gumel, Abba

Kim, Wansoon

Bargelli, Daniela

Kimber, Chawne

Lanzani, Loredana

Silber, Mary

Min, Ju-Young

Lott, Dawn

Kathryn Wood

Nigam, Nilima

Park, Kyewon Koh

Frigon, Marlene

Pinho, Suani

Popovic, Lea

Taylor, Edward

Caryn Werner

Others can join these groups as they like

2:30-3:45pm

Funding agencies + Math Institutes

What programs exists: what works, what doesn't?

How can funding agencies and institutes work together to develop new programs? Identify challenges and possible new programs to address them.

Chair: Petra Bonfert-Taylor

Panel:

Dean Evasius (NSF)

Madeleine Bastien (NSERC)

Matt Vincelli (NSERC)

Kathy O'Hara (MSRI)Chris Jones (SAMSI)

Nell Sedransk (NISS)

Alejandro Adem (PIMS)

Rebecca Marsh (MITACS)

Kim, Wansoon (WIST, Korea)

4:15-5:00pm Talk by Mary Silber: Controlling Patterns

Summary and discussion of lunch working groups:

Chair: Ed Taylor

Reports from: Department heads/administrators

Reports from: Faculty

Evening:

Various groups meet as necessary to summarize their recommendations

Sunday:

9-10:30

Chair: Nilima Nigam Summarize work from Saturday Identify Synergies

Short term vs. Long term objectives

11:00-12pm Wrap - up

Identify action items and people to carry them out