

## **CHAMA Newsletter**

The 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress of History of Science in Mexico (held on 14 July 2001), organised under the sponsorship of International Union for History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS), adopted a resolution to form a Commission for History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy (CHAMA) to bring in its purview the researches in astronomical heritage of all cultural areas of the world and to allow its members to interact and acquaint themselves particularly with the work-in-progress of their colleagues. To achieve this goal, a Newsletter under the editorships of Prof. S M R Ansari (India) and Ms Anne Tihon (Belgium), the President and the Secretary of the Commission, has been established. The Newsletter No. 1 is already out. It contains a Registration Proforma for prospective members and latest contributions by some of members in the field. Details may be available from E-Mail : [tihon@ori.ucl.ac.be](mailto:tihon@ori.ucl.ac.be); [Raza.Ansari@vsnl.com](mailto:Raza.Ansari@vsnl.com); Chama Website: <http://chama.fltr.ucl.ac.be>.

## **M. C. Chaki Centre for Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences**

The M.C.Chaki Centre was established in 1993, subsequently registered on 31 December 1997, on the occasion of the 80th Birth Anniversary of professor M.C.Chaki, the first Sir Asutosh Birth Centenary Professor of Higher Mathematics of Calcutta University by his students, colleagues, friends and well wishers to memorise the contributions of Professor Chaki and to activate researches in mathematics on all its dimensions including History of Mathematics. The Institute has planned to organise two seminars on “Analysis, Manifolds and Mechanics”, and history of mathematics in the last fifty years of the 20th century to commemorate the 90th Birth Anniversary of Professor Chaki, who is still an active guiding force for researches in different fields of mathematics, during 2003-2004. The first one has already been held on 5-7 February 2003, in which 67 experts in mathematics from India and abroad, participated and presented papers. The second seminar under the caption, “Teaching and Research in Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences in India since Independence” is proposed to be organised on in February 2004

in collaboration with the Department of Mathematics, Kalyani University, West Bengal. The major areas identified for the seminar are :

- a) History of Mathematics & Philosophy
- b) Application of Mathematics in the field of Science and Technology and Society
- c) Quality Teaching & Research of Mathematics & Mathematical Sciences
- d) Current topics of Pure and Applied Mathematics
- e) Contribution of Mathematics in the field of Astronomy, Space Sciences etc.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### *Applications for Projects on History of Science Programme for the year: 2004-05*

Applications are invited from expert investigators seeking financial assistance for History of Science research. The Academy approves research projects annually on History of Science programme under the guidance of the National Commission for History of Science. Through this programme an expert can take up source and theme oriented studies by compiling important sources for study, translation of important scientific and technical works and making critical assessment in the areas like mathematics, astronomy, medicine, architecture, products, life and works of eminent scientists, institutions, science and societies etc. relating to Indian science and technology in proper historical perspective.

#### *Facilities*

The Investigators are offered facilities of Research Assistants, JRF/SRF, Research Associates, with contingency upto Rs.30,000/- p.a. In special cases Superannuated Investigators are also granted honorarium with other facilities for whole time research work.

Interested experts/Investigators may write for an application form with tentative title(s) of project to the Assistant Executive Secretary, History of Science Division, Indian National Science Academy, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110002. The last date for submitting the completed application is 31 January 2004.