

GEOMETRY FESTIVAL HONORS GRÜNBAUM AND KLEE

Our colleagues Branko Grünbaum and Victor Klee were honored by the *Klee-Grünbaum Festival of Geometry* held in Ein Gev, Israel, from April 9 to April 16, 2000.

The conference dealt with various aspects of the theory of convexity in Euclidean space, with special attention to the discrete, applied, combinatorial and computational aspects of the theory, subjects to which the honorees have made important contributions. A total of ten invited lectures were presented by the honorees and by other distinguished workers in the field. In addition to these invited lectures, there were many contributed talks; one day saw a total of seventeen!

More than sixty mathematicians from around the world attended the meeting, among whom were many who have been colleagues and friends of Professors Grünbaum and Klee for many years. Four of the Department's graduate students, Leah Berman, Shawn Cokus, Jed Mihalisin, and Gordon Williams, attended the meeting.

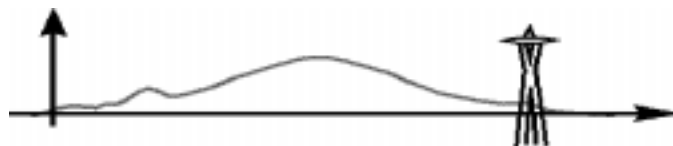
The organizing committee consisted of Shmuel Onn of Technion and Shlomo Reisner and Joseph Zaks of Haifa University. Professor Zaks is an alumnus of this department. The meeting was sponsored by the European Mathematical Society, the Israeli Mathematical Union, the Emmy Noether Institute at Bar Ilan University, the University of Haifa and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

The web page for the meeting is <http://iew3.technion.ac.il:8080/~kgfest/>

CONFERENCE HONORS KLEE



In anticipation of Professor Victor Klee's seventy-fifth birthday on September 18, 2000, a three-day conference "VK75" was held in his honor. Professor Klee, a member of the Department since 1953, has over 240 publications and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. By the end of the current academic year, he will have graduated a total of thirty-six PhD students. The conference, which took place August 14th–16th at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the campus of the University of Washington, enjoyed over fifty participants, including several from Israel, Canada, and the United Kingdom. The format of the conference allowed each day two one-hour main lectures and several workshops, discussion sessions, and opportunities for informal interaction. While somewhat unusual, many attendees seemed pleased with the format. The invited speakers were Eric Babson, Branko Grünbaum, Gil Kalai, Ravi Kannan, László Lovász, Bernd Sturmfels, and Victor Klee. The conference was organized by two of Professor Klee's current graduate students, Shawn Cokus and Jed Mihalisin, who gratefully acknowledge the Department of Mathematics, the Milliman Fund, and the UW Graduate School for financial support.



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