# The Mathematics Education into the $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ Century Project 



Conference Programme

# The Humanistic Renaissance in Mathematics Education 

Hotel Città del Mare, Terrasini, Palermo, Italy September 20-25 2002

## CASIO \& AUTOGRAPH

# Conference Programme 

Friday 20 $^{\text {th }}$ September, 2002
Palermo Airport Arrival \& Transfer to Hotel Città del Mare

| 16.00-19.00 | Conference Registration Hotel Città del Mare Conference Centre |
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| 19.00- | Welcome Reception in Hotel Cittàdel Mare |

Saturday $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ September, 2002
8.00-8.45 Breakfast
9.00-10.15 Opening Welcome \& Conference Issues

Professor Fayez Mina \& Dr Alan Rogerson (Project Coordinators)
Prof. G. Silvestri (Rettore Università di Palermo),
On. S. Cuffaro (Presidente Regione Siciliana)
On. F. Musotto (Presidente della Provincia Regionale di Palermo)
Prof.ssa Patrizia Lendinara (Preside FacoltàScienze della Formazione, Università di Palermo),
Prof.ssa R.M. Sperandeo Mineo (Direttrice SISSIS Sicilia, Universitàdi Palermo),
Prof. A. Rigoli (Presidente CCL Scienze della Formazione Primaria, Università di Palermo),
Prof. P. Vetro (Direttore Dipartimento di Matematica, Universitàdi Palermo).
10.15-10.45 Morning Tea/Coffee
10.45-11.15 Parallel Working Groups 1-7 Introductions/Discussions
11.15-13.00 Parallel Working Groups 2,3,4,5 Papers Session 1
13.00-15.30 Lunch \& Siesta (or swim/run/read)
15.30-16.00 Plenary Session: What is the history of SuperCourse?

Dr Alan Rogerson \& Professor Fayez Mina
16.00-16.30 Afternoon Tea/Coffee
16.30-19.00 Open Forum of Ideas

This repeats the idea in Zajaczkowo last year when people brought as many ideas and as much material/software as possible for display, exhibition and discussion. It will therefore be a kind of open market where people may wander round looking at everything freely and also of course exhibiting their own materials, which may be in ANY language. Please bring everything you can!
19.30-

Dinner
Special Evening Event "Sicily as a Possible Metaphor of The Mediterranean" A Slide and Sound Presentation by Mario Ferreri

Sunday 22 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ September, 2002
7.30-8.30 Breakfast

All-day Excursion to Monreale/Agrigento and lunch.
19.00 Return
19.30 Dinner

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Monday 23 $^{\text {rd }}$ September, 2002
8.00-8.45 Breakfast
9.00-10.15 Keynote Speech: Can Technology Save Classroom Mathematics? Douglas Butler, Director, ICT Training Centre, Oundle School (Peterborough, UK)
10.15-10.45 Morning Tea/Coffee
10.45-13.00 Parallel Working Groups 1,4,6,7 Papers Session 2
13.00-15.30 Lunch \& Siesta
15.30-17.00 Parallel Working Groups 1-7 Discussions
17.00-17.30 Afternoon Tea/Coffee
17.30-18.00 Plenary: What is the Philosophy of SuperCourse?

A short introduction to follow the Open Forum and to introduce the Workshops
18.00-19.30 Four Parallel SuperCourse Workshops

- Rudiger Vernay: Wrappings, carpenters and symmetries in everyday lifemaking flexible use of knowledge and supporting independent learning
- Angela Pesci: Cooperative Learning and other useful ideas in teaching and learning
- Gunter Graumann: Mathematics and Society, Values and Feelings
- Gary Flewelling: Rich Learning Tasks
19.30- Dinner

Tuesday $24^{\text {th }}$ September, 2002

| 8.00-8.45 | Breakfast |  |
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| 9.00-10.30 | Parallel Working Groups 1,3,5,7 | Papers Session 3 |
| 10.30-11.00 | Morning Tea/Coffee |  |
| 11.00-13.00 | Parallel Working Groups 4, 5,6,7 | Papers Session 4 |
| 13.00-15.30 | Lunch \& Siesta |  |
| 15.30-16.45 | Plenary Session: Mathematics teachers and students: how to improve the human side of their relationship? <br> Angela Pesci |  |
| 16.45-17.15 | Afternoon Tea/Coffee |  |
| 17.15-19.15 | Parallel Working Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 | Papers Session 5 |
| 19.45- | Special Gala Dinner |  |

Wednesday $25^{\text {th }}$ September, 2002
8.00-8.45 Breakfast
9.00-10.00 Mathematics and its links with its History Aldo Brigaglia
10.00-10.30 Coffee Break
10.30-12.00 Parallel Working Groups 1-7 Final Discussions
12.00-13.00 Plenary: SuperCourse and the Future

Closing Session
13.00 - Lunch

## Working Groups Session 1: Saturday 21 $^{\text {st }}$ September 11.15-13.00

## WG 2: STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY MAHER SHAWER, Silio Rigatti \& Gianna MANNO

## Bizhan Shanbankhani

Sampling Study in Order to Determination of Parasite Disease
Lucette Carter
Multiple factor interactions. Role of effect modifier factors.

## H. Edward Donley

Using XML to Share Statistics Education Materials in PAPIRIS
Maher Y. Shawer, Michael J. Bossé, Frederick W. Morgan, John D. Baker Simple Linear Regression: A PAPIRIS Example

## WG 3: RICHLEARNINGTASKS AND THE GENERALAIMS OFM ATHEMATICSEDUCATION

GARY FLEWELLING, GUNTER GRAUMANN \& CLAUDIA SORTINO

## Nicoletta Sala

Art, Mathematics and Architecture for Humanistic Renaissance: the Platonic Solids
Marytë Strièkienë and Elmundas Palys
The Local 'Super Course" and the National Experiment on the humanization of Mathematics Education

## Bevan Penrose

Creating a Constructivist Mathematics Department from a Traditional Setting
Andy Begg
Challenging curriculum: process and product

## WG 4: TECHNOLOGYIN THE CLASSROOM

Angel balderas, Maria Reggiani, Enrica Lemut \& Medhat Rahim

## Douglas Butler (55min)

AUTOGRAPH - Visualising is the icing on the cake - workshop.
Barry Kissane (50min)
Workshop 1: Introductory calculus and the graphics calculator

## WG 5. EQUITY AND ETHNOMATHEMATICS

GILA HANNA, LIV SISSEL GRØNMO \& FRANCO FAVILLI
Hayley Barnes
Effectively using new paradigms in the teaching and learning of mathematics: Action research in a multicultural South African classroom
Marjatta Näätänen
Five years experiences with the Finnish mathematics web magazine Solmu
Giovanna Virga
The spatial consciousness of the blind: a contribution to the research
Mahdi Abdeljaouad
Bi-laterality in mathematical language.

## Working Groups Session 2: Monday 23 ${ }^{\text {ra }}$ September 10.45-13.00

## WG1: POWERFLL LEARNNG ENVIRONMENIS FOR MATHEMATICS PROBLEMSOLVING

## ERIK DE CORTE, GEORGEMALATY \& GRAZIA INDOVINA

N. Mahir

The Lack of Geometric Comprehension in Integral Instruction
Patricia Douville, David K. Pugalee, Josephine Wallace, Corey R. Lock
Investigating the Effectiveness of Mental Imagery Strategies in a Constructivist Approach to Mathematics Instruction

David K. Pugalee, Patricia Douville, Corey R. Lock, Josephine Wallace
Authentic Tasks and Mathematical Problem Solving
Christina Misailidou \& Julian Williams
Facilitating Problem Solving: Children Argue their way to a Multiplicative Structure with the aid of Selected Cultural Tools
Medhat Rahim
Students' Constructivist Paradigm in a Spatial Problem-Solving Inquiry-Based Mathematics Classroom
Luk Hok Wing
A comparison of strategies adopted by primary students in four cities of China in solving mathematical problems

## WG 4: TECHNOLOGYIN THE CLASSROOM

ANGEL BALDERAS, MARIA REGGIANI, ENRICA LEMUT \& MEDHAT RAHIM
Yoko Ono and Yumi Asahi
On computer education in Japan
M.F. Abdul Karim \& U. Ufuktepe

Pedagogical Issues in WebMathematica Applications in Distance Learning Mathematics
Patricia T. Eaton, Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Predicting the Future - Training Teachers for Tomorrow
Barry Kissane (60min)
Workshop 2 Equations and the graphics calculator

## WG6. REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS OFM ATHEMATICS

Ivan MEZNIK, AgATA HOFFMAN \& AldO ScIMONE
Gila Hanna, Ysbrand DeBruyn, Nathan Sidoli and Dennis Lomas
An application of concepts from statics to geometrical proofs
Bradford Hansen-Smith Workshop 45min
Wholemovement of the circle
Nicoletta Sala, Silvia Metzeltin, Massimo Sala
Applications of Mathematics in the Real World: Territory and Landscape
Fayez M. Mina
The Role of the Systemic Approach in the Humanistic Renaissance in Mathematics Education
Alexandre S. Mendes, Joni A. Amorim, Rosana G. S. Miskulin (10min) Connecting Mathematics and Biology in the Information Society Schools: A Brazilian Perspective on Technology Usage
Nazla H.A.Khedre (10min) On Humaninizing Mathematics
WG7. CLASSROOMFOCUSSED RESEARCH, HOWDO KIDS LEARN?
ANGELA PESCI, ANASTASIA EVANGELIDOU \& GIANNA MANNO
Noel Geoghegan
Learning Mathematics: a SEARCH for meaning.
Lynnea C. Salvo, Lorraine Smith, Vickie Inge, John Staley, Johnna J. Bolyard, Patricia S. Moyer
Rabbit Ears to Slope to Derivatives: Longitudinal Development of an Algebraic Concept
Mihaela Singer
Developing mental abilities through structured teaching methodology
Stamatis Voulgaris \& Anastasia Evangelidou
Understanding of three dimensional arrays of cubes - Children in transition
Nicolina A. Malara \& Giancarlo Navarra
ArAl: a Project for an Early Approach to Algebraic Thinking

## Working Groups Session 3: Tuesday 24 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September $\quad$ 9.00-10.30

## WG1: POWERFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR MATHEMATICS PROBLEMSOLVING

## ERIK DECORTE, GEORGEMALATY \& GRAZIA INDOVINA

Erik De Corte \& Peter Op 't Eynde
Unraveling students' belief systems relating to mathematics learning and problem solving

## Shi-Pui Kwan

Farey Series and Ford Circles
Andry Marcou \& Athanasios Gagatsis
Representations and Learning of Fractions

## WG 3: RICHLEARNINGTASKS AND THE GENERALAIMS OFM ATHEMATICS EDUCATION

GARY FLEWELLING, GUNTER GRAUMANN \& CLAUDIA SORTINO
Agata Hoffmann
How one can use "The Super Farmer" game in teaching mathematical modelling and problem solving.
Rose Elaine Carbone
Forming Partnerships to Improve Mathematics Teaching
Marjorie Henningsen
Using Narrative Classroom Cases to Promote Inquiry and Reflection on Mathematics, Teaching, and Learning

## WG 5. EQUITY AND ETHNOMATHEMATICS

GILA HANNA, LIV SISSEL GRØNMO \& FRANCOFAVILLI
Beverly J. Ferrucci and Jack A. Carter
Humanistic Influences in Mathematics Achievement: Department Heads’ Perceptions of Their Role
Thomas Hagspihl
Why is the teaching of Mathematics in such a crisis - a perspective from the tip of Africa.

## Louisa Lam

Mathematics Education Reform in Hong Kong
WG7. CLASSROOMFOCUSSED RESEARCH, HOWDO KIDS LEARN?
ANGELA PESCI, ANASTASIA EVANGELIDOU \& GIANNA MANNO
Rosana Giaretta Sguerra Miskulin, Joni de Almeida Amorim, Fernando Massucheto Jorge Interactivity in Mathematics Education: Collaborative Knowledge Generation in Internet Based Sharing Environments (10min)

## N. Çetin

The Image of Rational Numbers in Students
Othman Nayef Alsawaie
Pre-service Mathematics Teachers Conducting Research to Enhance Their Knowledge of Children's Thinking
V.V. Afanasiev, E.I. Smirnov

Humanitarian role of mathematics in training of a teacher

## Working Groups Session 4: Tuesday 24 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September 11.00-13.00

WG 4: TECHNOLOGYIN THE CLASSROOM
ANGEL BALDERAS, MARIA REGGIANI, ENRICALEMUT \& MEDHAT RAHIM
Barry Kissane (30min)
Three roles for technology: Towards a humanistic renaissance in mathematics education.

## Ercole Castagnola (45min)

The Use of Hand-Held Technology in the Learning and Teaching of Secondary School Mathematics. The functionality of CABRI and DERIVE in a graphic calculator.

## Michael Hardiker (45min)

Computer Simulations and Modelling in Mathematics Education
WG 5. EQUITYAND ETHNOMATHEMATICS
GILA HANNA, LV SISSEL GRØNMO \& FRANCOFAVILLI
Sally I. Lipsey and Bernard S. Pasternack
Mathematics in Literature
CJ (Ina) Louw
Investigation and Alleviation concerning the Reasons for Poor Performance in Introductory
Mathematics at Technikon Northern Gauteng (SA)
Isabel Cabrita
Mathematics and Technologies: Bridging Diverse Languages
Ma Yunpeng
The implementation of the new mathematics curriculum in China
Soledad Esteban, María P. Gonzalez, Carlos Romera and Luis Tejero
Training Course in the Use of technology for Secondary School Teachers in mathematics and Sciences

WG6. REALWORLD APPLICATIONS OFM ATHEMATICS
Ivan MEZNIK, AGATA HOFFMAN \& ALDO SCIMONE
Luigi Borzacchini and Domenico Minunni
A MATHEMATICA Notebook about Ancient Greek Music and Mathematics
Thomas Hagspihl
It's not surprising that Euclid got excited about Geometry
Maria Ajello, Filippo Spagnolo
Some experimental observations on common sense and fuzzy logic
C. Fazio, R. M. Sperandeo-Mineo, G. Tarantino

Mathematical Representation of Real Systems: Two Modelling Environments Involving
Different Learning Strategies
Nevin Orhun \& Önder Orhun
Mathematical Mistakes of Solving Physics Problems
WG7. CLASSROOMFOCUSSED RESEARCH, HOWDO KIDS IEARN?
Angela Pesci, Anastasia Evangelidou \& Gianna Manno
Palmina Cutugno \& Filippo Spagnolo
Misconceptions about triangle in Elementary school (age 6-10)
Krystyna Dalek
Reasoning, Modelling and Communication in Classroom Mathematics
Claudia Giacalone- Filippo Spagnolo
The Systemic Thinking in the passage from language arithmetical to language algebraic
with use of mediator software Excel (in the children of $\mathbf{9 - 1 0}$ years)
Madeleine J. Long
Concentrated Reinforcement Lessons (CoReL)
Elsa MāIisani
The Notion of variable in Semiotic Contexts Different

# Working Groups Session 5: Tuesday 24 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September 17.15-19.15 

## WG1: POWERFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR MATHEMATICS PROBLEMSOLVING

GEORGE MALATY, BEVERLY FERRUCCI \& GRAZIA INDOVINA
Jack Burrill
Teaching Algebra Concepts in the Early Grades

## Aldo Scimone

Following Goldbach's tracks
Iliada Elia-Athanasios Gagatsis
Matching Unusual Word Problems with Given Answers
George Malaty
School Mathematics Geometric Problems: Past, Present and future
Nevin Orhun
Solution of Verbal Problems Using Concept of Least Common Multiplier (LCM) and Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) in primary School Mathematics and Misconceptions

WG 2: STATISTICS and Probability Gail Burrill, Maher Shawer \& Silio Rigatti
Ludwig Paditz (60min)
Simulation and Statistical Exploration of Data (e.g. Fair Die or Unfair Die)
Test of Hypothesis on Fair Die (Simulation of Chi Square Tests)

## Gail Burrill

Making Decisions with Data
Robin Boyle
PaceXL: Statistics Add-in for Excel (50min)
WG 3: RICHLEARNINGTASKS AND THE GENERALAIMS OFM ATHEMATICS EDUCATION
GARY FLEWELLING, GUNTER GRAUMANN \& CLAUDIA SORTINO
Libby Krussel
What's the Difference? Teaching Mathematics to Standards in a Distance Learning Environment
Foong Pui Yee
Using Short Open-ended Mathematics Questions to Promote Thinking and Understanding.

## Günter Graumann

General Aims of Mathematics Education Explained with Examples in Geometry Teaching General Education in Mathematics Lessons An Introduction to Humanistic Holistic Education

## Linda Jensen Sheffield

The Solution is Just the Beginning: Using Rich Learning Tasks to Develop Mathematical Creativity
Rüdiger Vernay
Wrappings, carpenters and symmetries in everyday life - making flexible use of knowledge and supporting independent learning

## WG 4: TECHNOLOGYIN THE CLASSROOM

ANGEL BALDERAS, MARIA REGGIANI, ENRICA LEMUT \& MEDHAT RAHIM
Maria Reggiani
Arithmetic, algebra and technology: a study on beginner pupils
Bob Mathews ( 10 min)
Publishing Math on the Web - What are the Best Solutions?
Monique C. Lynch, Patricia S. Moyer, Denise Frye, Jennifer M. Suh
Web-Based Learning: Using Telecollaboration Models to Enhance Mathematics Instruction
Anna Rybak
Why and How I Use Computer Programs During the Lessons of Mathematics
Valeria Facchini, Francesca Gialanella, Maria Talamo, Annalaura Trampetti Drawing by Equations

