

## **63rd Annual Congress of the South African Mathematical Society** **December 2, online**

**Registration:** It is now possible to register for the SAMS congress on the website:

<http://natural-sciences.nwu.ac.za/UBMI/SAMS2020/Registration>

Deadline for registration: **18 November**

There will be no registration fee. Due to the online platform that is used, only 500 attendees can be accommodated.

**Plenary speakers:** We are excited to introduce the plenary speakers.

### **Carolina Araujo**

Carolina Araujo is a Brazilian mathematician working in the field of complex algebraic geometry. She obtained her Ph.D in mathematics from Princeton University in 2004, and has been a researcher at IMPA (Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) since 2006. She has been appointed Simons Associate at ICTP from 2015 to 2020, and was an invited speaker at the ICM 2018 in Rio de Janeiro. She is vice-chair of the Committee for Women in Mathematics of the International Mathematical Union, and coordinated the organization of the first World Meeting for Women in Mathematics - (WM)<sup>2</sup> - in 2018. For more information, see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolina\\_Araujo\\_\(mathematician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolina_Araujo_(mathematician))

### **Lloyd N. (Nick) Trefethen**

Nick Trefethen is Professor of Numerical Analysis and head of the Numerical Analysis Group at Oxford University. He was educated at Harvard and Stanford and held positions at NYU, MIT, and Cornell before moving to Oxford in 1997. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the US National Academy of Engineering, and served during 2011-2012 as President of SIAM. He has won many prizes including the Gold Medal of the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, the Naylor Prize of the London Mathematical Society, and the Polya and von Neumann Prizes from SIAM. He holds honorary doctorates from the University of Fribourg and Stellenbosch University. He has also authored several books. For more information, see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nick\\_Trefethen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nick_Trefethen)

### **Vasuthavan G. (Nico) Govender**

Vasuthavan Govender (also known as Nico) is currently Programmes Manager at the Nelson Mandela Provincial Teacher Development Institute in Port Elizabeth. He has served in a number of capacities during his long career, spanning just on 40 years. He was AMESA Vice-President from 2012 to 2014 and served as AMESA President from 2014 to 2018. He also served as Chairperson of the SAMF (South African Mathematics Foundation) in 2019 and 2020. He is the regional coordinator of the Siyanqoba Mathematics Olympiad Training Programme in Nelson Mandela Bay (Port Elizabeth). His research interests are in Teaching and Learning Mathematics, Supplementary tuition/support programmes in Mathematics and Mathematics Olympiads.

For further details, go to the congress' website:

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or contact the organizers by e-mail: [SAMS2020@nwu.ac.za](mailto:SAMS2020@nwu.ac.za)

We look forwards to welcoming you to the first virtual SAMS Congress.

Regards, The SAMS 2020 LOC