# NOTICES

- 2008 KARP PRIZE AWARDED TO SELA. The seventh Carol Karp Prize was awarded at the ASL Annual Meeting in March to Zlil Sela for his fundamental work connecting logic with geometric group theory. Among the consequences of his work are a proof that the class of finitely generated, torsion-free hyperbolic groups is closed under elementary equivalence, and a proof that any two nonabelian free groups are elementarily equivalent. The Karp Prize, established in 1973 in memory of Professor Carol Karp, is awarded every five years. The award is made by the Association, on recommendation of the ASL Committee on Prizes and Awards, for a "connected body of research, most of which has been completed in the time since the previous prize was awarded." The winner received a $5,000 cash award, and a lecture on the prize-winning work was delivered by E. Rips at the award ceremony.

- THE 2007 ASL ELECTION. The ASL membership has elected Charles Steinhorn (Vassar) as Secretary-Treasurer, Mirna Džamonja (East Anglia) and Philip Scott (Ottawa) to the Executive Committee, and Verónica Becher (Buenos Aires) and Richard Zach (Calgary) to the Council. Their terms of office are for three years beginning January 1, 2008. The Nominating Committee consisted of Greg Hjorth, Phokion Kolaitis, Steffen Lempp (Chair), Paolo Mancosu, Anand Pillay, and Albert Visser.

- 2008 SACKS PRIZE. The ASL invites nominations for the 2008 Sacks Prize for the most outstanding doctoral dissertation in mathematical logic. Nominations must be received by September 30, 2008. The Sacks Prize was established to honor Professor Gerald Sacks of MIT and Harvard for his unique contribution to mathematical logic, particularly as adviser to a large number of excellent Ph.D. students. The Prize was first awarded in 1994 and became an ASL Prize in 1999. The Fund on which the Prize is based is now administered by the ASL and the selection of the recipient is made by the ASL Committee on Prizes and Awards. The Sacks Prize will consist of a cash award plus five years free membership in the ASL. For general information about the Prize, visit `http://www.aslonline.org/info-prizes.html`.

  Anyone who wishes to make a nomination for the 2008 Sacks Prize should consult the webpage `http://www.aslonline.org/Sacks_nominations.html` for the precise details of the application process. A brief summary of the procedure is provided below.

  Students who defend their dissertations (equivalent to the American doctoral dissertation) between October 1, 2007, and September 30, 2008, are eligible for the Prize this year. This is an international prize, with no restriction on the nationality of the candidate or the university where the doctorate is granted. Nominations should be made by the thesis adviser, and consist of: name of student, title and 1–2 page description of dissertation, date and location where the doctorate was awarded, letter of recommendation from the adviser, and an electronic copy of the thesis in .pdf or .ps form, or the address of a web site from which an electronic copy in .pdf or .ps form can be downloaded. An independent second letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged. Nominations should be sent to the Committee Chair, Julia Knight; .pdf or .ps files sent as attachments by email to `Julia.F.Knight.1@nd.edu` are preferred. The form of such letters and other pertinent details can be found at the web site above, and need to be read prior to submitting a nomination. Correspondence should be addressed to Julia Knight, Department of Mathematics, University of Notre Dame, 255 Hurley Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-4618 USA.