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The Masamu (masamu means mathematics in Southern Africa) Program was established in 2010 with the primary goal of enhancing research in mathematical sciences within Southern Africa Mathematical Sciences Association (SAMSA) institutions through promotion of international research collaboration. A key component of the Masamu Program is the Masamu Advanced Study Institute (MASI) and Workshop Series in mathematical sciences that provides a platform for such collaboration. Other planned activities include Research Workshop, Career Development Workshop, Department Heads and Chairs and Senior Research Scientists Workshop, Colloquia and Webinar Series, and AfricaMath. The target audiences of the MASI are graduate and undergraduate students and early career faculty (rank less than associate professor) while the workshops are open to students, faculty, and other researchers in the mathematical sciences.

The Masamu Advanced Study Institute (MASI) and Workshop Series in Mathematical Sciences program is a collaborative effort between African, European, and US mathematicians. This program has three main goals: (1) Strengthen the US and Southern African human infrastructure in mathematical sciences research; (2) Drastically increase and sustain research collaboration between US, European, and Southern African mathematicians; and (3) Improve collaboration between US, European and Southern African colleges and universities.

In order to effectively use the MASI and Research Workshops, the Masamu Program has created a Collaborative Research Network consisting of 41 research faculty (16 Sub-Saharan Africa, 16 US, 2 Canada, and 7 Europe) forming 4 research teams in Pure Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry, Analysis, Topology, Coding Theory and Information Theory, and Graph Theory) and 3 research teams in Applied Mathematics (Epidemiological Modeling, Numerical Approximation of Solutions of Partial Differential Equations, and Mathematics of Finance and Statistics). Each research team has at least 4 faculty and at least 4 undergraduate and graduate students. The primary objectives of the network are to drastically increase both the quantity and quality of research publications and the number of PhD degrees especially among women and underrepresented minorities in each of the areas represented by the seven research teams in both the US and Sub-Saharan Africa, and promote research collaboration between European, Sub-Saharan Africa, and US mathematicians. Participants in this Collaborative Research Network take advantage of the annual SAMSA conferences, Masamu Institutes, and Workshops to meet face to face, work on research problems, plan research activities for the following year, and present their research findings at conferences.

About SAMSA: The Southern Africa Mathematical Sciences Association (SAMSA) was established in 1981 to further the mathematical sciences in the Southern African region (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) and beyond.







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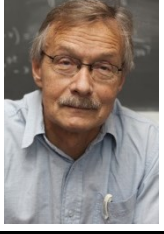
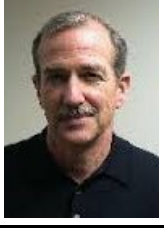
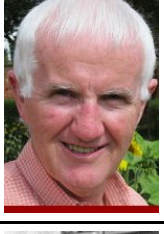
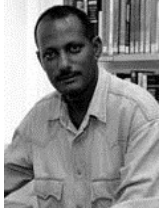
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2014 MASAMU ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE (MASI)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21— FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 1: Friday, November 21

01:05	Arrive at Victoria Falls International Airport
02:30	Check in Hotel
03:00 – 05:00	Field Trip
05:00 – 06:00	Registration
06:00	Dinner and Group Meetings

Day 2: Saturday, November 22

09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks
09:30 – 10:00	Overview of Program, Logistics, Expectations
10:00 – 10:20	Break
10:20 – 12:00	Research Group Problem Sessions
12:00 – 01:30	Lunch
01:30 – 02:50	Research Group Problem Sessions
02:50 – 03:10	Break
03:10 – 04:30	Research Group Problem Sessions
04:30 – 06:00	Break
06:00	Dinner, Recap, and Networking

Day 3: Sunday, November 23

09:00 – 10:20	Research Group Problem Sessions
10:20 – 10:40	Break
10:40 – 12:00	Research Group Problem Sessions
12:00 – 01:30	Lunch
01:30 – 02:50	Research Group Problem Sessions
02:50 – 03:10	Break
03:10 – 04:30	Research Group Problem Sessions
04:30 – 06:00	Break
06:00 – 07:30	Dinner, Recap, and Networking

Day 4: Monday, November 24

08:00 – 01:00	SAMSA Conference
01:00 – 02:10	Lunch
02:10 – 03:30	Research Group Problem Sessions
03:30 – 03:50	Break
03:50 – 05:10	Research Group Problem Sessions
05:10 – 06:00	Break
06:00 – 07:30	Dinner, Recap, and Networking

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21— FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 5: Tuesday, November 25

08:00 – 01:00	SAMSA Conference
01:00 – 02:10	Lunch
02:10 – 03:30	Research Group Problem Sessions
03:30 – 03:50	Break
03:50 – 05:10	Research Group Problem Sessions
05:10 – 06:00	Break
06:00 – 07:30	Dinner, Recap, and Networking

Day 6: Wednesday, November 26

08:00 – 01:00	SAMSA Conference
01:00 – 02:10	Lunch
02:10 – 04:45	Research Group Problem Sessions
04:45 – 05:00	Break
05:00 – 07:00	SAMSA Annual General Meeting
07:00 – 10:00	Conference Dinner and Presentation of Kovalevskia Research Awards

Day 7: Thursday, November 27

08:00 – 09:20	SAMSA Presentations
09:20 – 10:20	Department Chairs and Senior Research Faculty Workshop
10:20 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	Student Development Workshop
11:30 – 09:00	Field Trip

Day 8: Friday, November 28

09:00 – 12:00	SAMSA Conference
12:00 – 02:00	Lunch

2014 MASAMU RESEARCH WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 8: Friday, November 28

02:00 – 03:15	Research Presentation and Discussion
03:15 – 03:30	Break
03:30 – 04:45	Research Group Breakout Sessions
04:45 – 06:00	Break
06:00	Dinner and Discussion








Day 9: Saturday, November 29

09:00 – 10:20	Research Group Problem Sessions
10:20 – 10:40	Break
10:40 – 12:00	Research Group Problem Sessions
12:00 – 01:30	Lunch
01:30 – 05:00	Field Trip
05:00 – 06:00	Break
06:00 – 08:30	MASI Dinner

Day 10: Sunday, November 30

09:00 – 11:00	Closing Remarks and Future Plans Presentations
11:00	Hotel Check-out
11:30	Depart for Victoria Falls International Airport
01:55	Depart Zimbabwe

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