

# Edinburgh Mathematical Society

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# History

- Founded in 1883
- Aims:  
*“....the development and promotion of all aspects of the mathematical sciences - including pure and applied mathematics, statistics, operational research, and data science - particularly in Scotland.”*
- Membership currently around 700
- Smallest of 5 UK mathematical sciences learned societies (LMS, IMA, RSS, ORS, EMS). Partner in the Council for Mathematical Sciences

# Activities

- Meetings throughout the academic year with eminent international speakers (online for 20-21)
- Popular lectures (Sophie Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020)
- Research Support Fund (visitors, workshops, ....)
- Schools Enrichment Fund (activities in schools beyond the standard curriculum)
- Maths Week Scotland Small Grants Fund (funding from Scot. Gov., EMS, GMJT for activities in schools, science centres, communities .... based around Maths Week)
- Annual meeting at The Burn, Edzell for PGR students in early summer

# Proceedings of the EMS (PEMS)

- Accepts research papers on topics in a broad range of pure and applied mathematics
- Topical book reviews
- Published by Cambridge University Press:  
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/proceedings-of-the-edinburgh-mathematical-society>

# Prizes

- **Whittaker Prize** Periodically, the Society awards the Sir Edmund Whittaker Memorial Prize to an outstanding early-career mathematician having a specified connection with Scotland.
- **PhD Thesis Prize** for the best PhD thesis in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, mathematical physics or statistics.

# Benefits of membership

- Become part of an international community of mathematicians (reciprocal arrangements with overseas societies)
- Membership is free to all registered PGR students!
- Travel expenses for PGR students attending EMS meetings

To join, contact the Meetings + Membership Secretary,  
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# Dr Sophie Carr

Founder of Bays Consulting

World's Most Interesting Mathematician 2019

*What is the best superpower?*

2 October 2020, 4.30-5.30pm

Zoom meeting

To attend, please complete the registration form in the link below by Thursday 1 October:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XMNQUF/>