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Oppenheim Lecture 2016

he Oppenheim Lectures is a distinguished lecture series jointly organised by the Department of Mathematics, and the Institute for Mathematical Sciences (IMS) at NUS. It was started in 2015, in honour of Sir Alexander Oppenheim, who held the position of Professor and first Head of the Department from 1931, at the time of Raffles College, until 1959.

For the second Oppenheim Lecture 2016, the speaker was Prof Emmanuel Jean CANDÈS, a professor of mathematics, statistics, and electrical engineering (by courtesy) at Stanford University, where he is also the Barnum-Simons Chair in Mathematics and Statistics.

Prof Candès delivered two lectures – the Oppenheim lecture on 16 March on "Around the Reproducibility of Scientific Research in the Big Data Era: What Statistics Can Offer", and a second lecture on 17 March which touched on topics in "Modern Optimisation Meets Physics: Recent Progress on the Phase Retrieval Problem".





Prof Ho Teck Hua, Deputy President (Research & Technology) of NUS attended the lecture and presented Prof Candès a token of appreciation.

Through this annual lecture series, the Department of Mathematics and IMS hope to keep current major developments in the mathematical sciences and to increase the general public's interest and awareness of mathematics and its diverse applications.

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Congratulations Honours Class of 2016!



Continuing with department tradition, a special luncheon was held for the graduating Honours Class and faculty members on 19 April 2016.

The department wishes all our honours student the very best as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.



Staff News & Accolades

Congratulations to ...



Dr LOKE Hung Yean on his promotion to Professor, effective from 1 January 2016.

Dr NG Wee Seng on his promotion to Senior Lecturer, effective from 1 January 2016.

Accolades

Professor SHEN Zuowei has been named among the world's most prominent scientific minds in Thomson Reuters' Highly Cited Researchers 2015 report. Eleven scientists and engineers from the National University of Singapore (NUS) have been recognised as among the world's most prominent scientific minds, according to the Highly Cited Researchers 2015 report published by Thomson Reuters. The Highly Cited Researchers 2015 report is part of The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015 published by Thomson Reuters.

Dr KU Cheng Yeaw has won the NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA) for the Academic Year 2014/2015. The award is given by the University to recognize faculty members who have demonstrated a very high level of commitment to, and achievement of, good teaching.



