We had a wonderful time at conference in Sheffield, so thank you once again to our plenary speakers, Geoff Faux, Alison Clarke-Wilson, Jocelyn D’Arcy and Hilary Povey and also to everyone else involved in running a session, an evening activity, or helping in the workshop. The success of conference relies on participants engaging with sessions and activities throughout the event, and we are fortunate as an association to be able to present a wide range of sessions.

It is always good to see new session leaders offering to run part of the programme. If you have never run a session before, and would like to run one in the future, do not hesitate to put your name forward. If you would like to be involved, but would prefer not to do so alone, then please let us know what you think you might offer and we may be able to put you in touch with someone to prepare and run the session with you. I am grateful to delegates for their feedback which provides ideas to improve conference in the future. General Council always welcomes members’ views on all aspects of ATM’s work, including conference. Whether or not you were at conference, as conference convenor I am particularly interested in what would make you want to come to conference, and what aspects of conference work for you.

This year was the first ATM conference where the venue was a hotel. Delegates enjoyed the compact nature of venue and there is general support for a hotel venue in the future. Next year the conference is BCME which will take place in the East Midlands Conference Centre at the University of Nottingham. Information is available on the website www.bcme8.org and invitations to lead a session will be sent out soon.

BCME brings together all members of the mathematics education community who are members of the Joint Mathematical Council. BCME provides an opportunity not only to mix with colleagues in your own area of mathematics education, but also to make connections with those in other areas. The theme of the conference is ‘Building Bridges - Making Connections’ and the main speakers will be Jill Adler, Malcolm Swan and Lord Robert Winston. The venue looks ideal for the conference, the accommodation is close to the session rooms and there is also the option to stay in the newly opened hotel adjacent to the main conference centre. The session rooms are all close together and there should be plenty of space to sit and discuss issues as they arise.

In addition to our involvement in BMCE, planning for the ATM conference in 2015 is now under way and we are exploring the possibility of a joint conference with the Mathematical Association in 2016. Both of these conferences are at the early planning stage, more information will be available later.

I hope that BCME, Bristol Congress of Mathematics Education 2014 in Nottingham will be a ‘fixed’ in your diary. In the meantime you can expect plenty of activity in branch meetings throughout the year, so keep an eye on the website for details.

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