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## And the award goes to ...? Western Cape whiz kids at UCT Maths Competition prize-giving

**Wednesday, 5 June 2013, 19h00, at Baxter Concert Hall, Rondebosch**

A total of 160 top maths boffins will be capped at the University of Cape Town's annual Mathematics Competition prize-giving ceremony at the Baxter Concert Hall in Rondebosch, Cape Town, at 19h00 tonight (Wednesday, 5 June 2013).

At the ceremony, Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan, head of UCT's Department of Biological Sciences, will deliver the keynote address. She is a palaeobiologist and a global expert on the microscopic structure of the bones of extinct and extant vertebrates. Emeritus Professor John Webb from UCT's Department of Mathematics & Applied Mathematics will announce the prize winners and hand over their certificates and trophies.

The UCT Mathematics Competition began in 1977 as a school-based event, organised by local teachers. In 1980 it moved to the UCT campus, and is now the university's biggest outreach project for schools. This year marks the 34th year that it is held at UCT. The competition continues to grow with a record-breaking 160 schools and over 6,700 students participating this year.

The event is sponsored by Capitec Bank and Aurecon, with prizes donated by Casio and Oxford University Press.

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