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Welcome to the February 2004 edition of *MSOR Connections*, a newsletter for those involved in teaching mathematics, statistics or operational research in higher education. We hope you will use this newsletter to share information and expertise with other practitioners, especially by contributing to our regular features *Have you seen this?*, *Something that worked for me...*, *DDA update*, descriptions of useful tools, reviews of books and courseware which have proved useful in teaching and reports from recent conferences and workshops.

At the time of writing we are still waiting for the final report from the Post-14 Mathematics Inquiry, which will include the terms of reference for a National Centre for Excellence in Mathematics Education. This is not to be confused with HEFCE proposals for a number of Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs) in England. The call for CETL proposals has recently been published at http://www.hefce.ac.uk/Pubs/hefce/2004/04_05 and you will find a briefing overleaf.

This issue covers a wide range of learning and teaching issues: an overview of what goes into maths teaching; student mentoring and peer support to enhance the learning experience; interactive classrooms helping to engage students in lectures; a student viewpoint on lecturing; mathematics and computing specialist schools; and for our DDA update this quarter, an account of accessible learning objects from one of our National Teaching Fellows.

We welcome our new administrator Janet Nuttall (pictured) to the LTSN Maths, Stats & OR Network. She will be your initial contact and will ensure your requests for publications and queries are handled efficiently, either by phone 0121 414 7095, email info@mathstore.ac.uk or via our website.



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