



General Interest Seminar

Title: The work of the Consortium of Mathematics and its Applications

Speaker: Dr Sol Garfunkel, Executive Director of COMAP

Date: Tue 30th January 2007 at 11:00AM

Location: Q014 – Quinn School of Business

Abstract: Dr Sol Garfunkel, Executive Director of the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP) in the US, will be giving a talk on the work of COMAP in UCD on Tuesday, 30 January, 2007. (Those of you familiar with the Mathematical Contest in Modelling (MCM) will know that it is run by COMAP.) The talk will take place in Room Q014 in the Quinn School of Business, Belfield and will run from 11.00–12.30. Tea and coffee will be available in the Contemplation Room of the Quinn School before the talk from 10.30–11.00.

Biographical Sketch for Dr Garfunkel:

Sol Garfunkel received his doctorate in mathematical logic from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1967. He served on the mathematics faculties of Cornell University and the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He has dedicated the last 30 years to research and development efforts in mathematics education. He has been the Executive Director of COMAP, Inc. since its inception in 1980. Dr. Garfunkel was Chair of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Preparation of High School Teachers. He has served as the principal investigator of several grants

from the National Science Foundation including the Undergraduate Mathematics and its Applications Project (UMAP), the HiMap, GeoMap, HistoMap, TechMap, ResourceMap, and WorkMap projects. He served as the host for two public television courses, "For All Practical Purposes" and "In Simplest Terms". He spends his spare time gardening, fishing, birding, and fostering dogs.

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