

**Preliminary Announcement**  
**First Annual**  
**Algebra Conference of Victoria**

2 and 3 June 1983 (Thursday and Friday)

at the

Department of Mathematics  
University of Melbourne

Because there are a significant number of algebraists in the Melbourne area, we are attempting to institute a regular annual conference in algebra. Our purpose is to improve communication among algebraists and to stimulate research in the area. We interpret 'algebra' quite broadly to include for instance overlapping areas such as algebraic topology, effective algebra, graph theory and topological algebra.

The conference will include talks from overseas visitors (hopefully Peter Scott and Mohan Putcha), invited survey talks and contributed talks about individual's research. Volunteers to give research talks are particularly sought. Program details will be announced at a later date.

While this year's dates are fixed, future timing will be discussed at the conference. It is intended that Melbourne University will be the regular host because of its central location. Some college accommodation may be available for those wishing to attend from interstate.

Those interested in attending this year's conference or in being on the mailing list for future announcements are urged to return (a copy of) the form below.

Chuck Miller (Melbourne)  
Ken Pearson (La Trobe)  
Gordon Preston (Monash)

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