

# Conference 2007: “Mathematical Tapestries: Weaving the Connections”

## Message from the Conference Director

Conference 2007: “Mathematical Tapestries: Weaving the Connections,” held October 18–20 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, highlighted the interconnectedness of mathematics and the lives of students. The connections can be easy to lose sight of as we struggle to help our students cover curriculum and prepare for tests. With the upcoming implementation of the new K–12 curricula, designed to provide space for deeper consideration of fewer topics, we are again invited to reconsider how we might weave richer connections within and between mathematical topics and students’ own experiences.

Our opening keynote speaker, David Jardine, has written extensively on the fragmentation of curricula, particularly in mathematics. He works closely with teachers and students to explore more richly connected alternatives. His talk “Time Is Always Running Out” offered a fresh look at mathematics as a living discipline rather than a collection of disparate and predetermined objectives.

We were also pleased to welcome Dave Mitchell, an award-winning math teacher and popular speaker, whose closing keynote address stressed the importance of enjoying mathematics.

Additional descriptions and photographs of the conference will be included in the next issue of *delta-K*. Please continue to check the MCATA website ([www.mathteachers.ab.ca](http://www.mathteachers.ab.ca)) for information on upcoming conferences.

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