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**ARGENTINIAN MATHEMATICIAN WINS THE PRESTIGIOUS
2007 RAMANUJAN PRIZE OF ICTP**

Argentinian mathematician Jorge Lauret has won the 2007 Ramanujan Prize. Jorge Lauret (38) is a Professor at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

The ceremony honouring the prize winner will take place at

**ICTP's Main Building
Strada Costiera, 11, Trieste – Italy
on Monday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m.**

The official citation reads: “The Prize is in recognition of Lauret’s outstanding contributions to differential geometry and group representations. They include his (negative) answer to a question posed by Selberg in 1956. In recent years, Lauret has made significant progress in the classification of non-compact Einstein manifolds. In the process, he introduced new and powerful tools to the field.”

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) established the Srinivasa Ramanujan Prize, named after the mathematics genius from India, in 2005. This Prize is awarded annually to a mathematician from a developing country under 45 years of age.

The Prize carries a US\$10,000 cash award. It is funded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters through the Abel Fund, with the cooperation of the International Mathematical Union.

The Abel Fund awards the Abel Prize for Mathematics which matches the Nobel Prize in both prestige and monetary value.

Professor Lê Dung Tráng, Head of the Mathematics Section of ICTP and Chairman of the Prize Selection Committee says: “We hope that over the years the Ramanujan Prize will help uncover and support young mathematical talent in the developing world, whose research will be crucial for the social and economic development of all societies.”

For additional information: <http://prizes.ictp.it/Ramanujan>.