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Media Statement

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Passion for maths adds up to prestigious award for Nedlands resident.

One of the nation's most prestigious mathematics awards has been presented to a Nedlands resident working for the Department of Education and Training.

Congratulating Education Measurement Officer Dr Elena Stoyanova on her achievement today, Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the win demonstrated the level of talent within the Department.

Ms O'Neill said the BH Neumann Awards were presented to a maximum of three people each year for sustained, important contributions to the enrichment of mathematics learning in Australia.

The other awards for 2009 were presented to Professor Lucho Stoyanov (Dr Stoyanova's husband) and South Australian Katrina Sims.

"Dr Stoyanova, who has been employed by the Department for nine years, arrived in Australia 17 years ago with her husband for what she initially thought would be a holiday," Ms O'Neill said.

"Since that time, she has worked tirelessly in both a professional and a voluntary capacity to promote excellence in mathematics education in Western Australia."

Dr Stoyanova is involved with the Mathematics Olympiads and was Director of the WA Mathematics Olympiads Committee for seven years to 2005.

She has also initiated, designed and helped to implement enrichment programs for The University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University, Curtin University and the Department.

"She is currently working on the development of materials for teachers to help them teach students with a wide range of abilities," Ms O'Neill said.

"The Department is very fortunate to have someone like Mrs Stoyanova on its staff and the students of Western Australia are the richer for her work."

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