Dear Members,

This is the first newsletter of our new activity group. After the successful inaugural meeting in December, 2004, we had the first election of officers early this year. The new officers, elected to two year terms 2005-6 are as follows:

Chair: Michael Shearer  
Vice Chair: Mary Pugh  
Program Director: Gui-Quiang G. Chen  
Secretary: Marshall Slemrod

The next SIAG/APDE meeting will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, July 10-12, 2006 in conjunction with the SIAM Annual meeting.

This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our field to a wide audience of mathematical scientists.

At the meeting, our SIAG will award the first SIAG/APDE prize.  
See the web site http://www.siam.org/prizes/sponsored/siagapde.php for details.

The prize committee is chaired by Walter Strauss, and has members Patricia E Bauman, Craig Evans, Paul Fife, Philippe G. LeFloch.

Nominations, including bibliographic citation and a justification, should be sent by December 31, 2005, preferably by e-mail (or by hard copy), to:

SIAG/APDE Prize Selection Committee  
c/o J. M. Littleton  
SIAM  
3600 University City Science Center  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2688  
U.S.A.  
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We have a new web site

http://www.math.duke.edu/SIAG_APDE/  
that is linked to the SIAM SIAG/APDE web site  
http://www.siam.org/activity/pde/  
Thanks to Rachel Levy for putting this together.  
Suggestions and contributions can be submitted to Rachel from the web site.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Boston!

Michael Shearer.