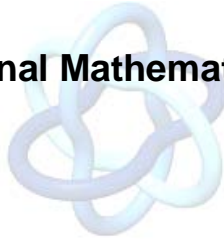


International Mathematical Union



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To: IMU Adhering Organizations
From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

The IMU's Special Development Fund Appeal

Dear colleagues, dear members of mathematical societies and organizations,
dear friends and supporters of mathematics,

Next year, in August 2010, the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM 2010) will take place in Hyderabad, India. The congress is an ideal meeting place for mathematicians from all over the world to exchange experience, to present results, to learn from each other, to establish contacts, to make friends.

Mathematicians from developing countries, regardless of other difficulties, are often not able to attend such a meeting because they hardly can raise the money needed for travel and board and lodging. That is why IMU has established its so-called SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF). This fund collects money (donations, contributions) over the years which is disbursed in the year of a congress as travel grants to junior and senior mathematicians from developing countries. A Travel Grants Committee selects the most suitable candidates from all travel grant applications received, and the IMU Executive Committee makes the final selection of the travel grant awardees.

For instance, 145 young and senior mathematicians from developing countries have been able to attend the ICM 2006 in Madrid through travel grants out of the SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (for the great majority of them the registration fee, board and lodging have been covered by the local organizing committee). IMU wants to continue this tradition of supporting young and senior mathematicians from developing countries. In order to enable as much candidates as possible to travel to the ICM 2010 your support is requested.

Please help us advance mathematics in the developing countries.
Contribute to IMU's SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND and send your donation.
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