

IMU AO CL 3/2011: ICM 2014 Program Structure, Support programs for maths in developing countries

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

Dear colleagues,

This circular letter to the IMU Adhering Organizations informs you about your opportunity to influence the structure of the scientific program of the International Congress of Mathematician 2014 in Seoul, and about two new support programs for mathematics in developing countries.

I cordially ask you to distribute this information within your community.

1. ICM 2014: Structure of the scientific program

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As you know, the next ICM will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea from August 13-21, 2014. The IMU President, Ingrid Daubechies has appointed Carlos Kenig (Chicago, USA) as Chair of the Program Committee (PC), and the IMU Executive Committee has appointed all other members of the PC. The PC will meet in October, 2011 in order to define the program structure of ICM 2014.

According to the PC/OC Guidelines, see <http://www.mathunion.org/ICM/PC/PC-OC-Guidelines-070521.pdf> , the PC is responsible for the ICM structure but is advised to use the programs of previous ICMs as rough guidelines. Of course, innovations are not ruled out, and some Adhering Organizations and individuals may have good ideas for changes to the program structure. If you have suggestions on the program structure for the Program Committee, please contact Carlos Kenig via the following e-mail address:

[PC-chair-ICM2014 at mathunion.org](mailto:PC-chair-ICM2014@mathunion.org)

before September 1, 2011 so that your suggestions can be considered by the ICM 2014 Program Committee.

By the way, PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ICM 2014 IS NOW AVAILABLE! Please visit the ICM 2014 Website <http://www.icm2014.org> where you will find simple instructions on how to pre-register. Once you have pre-registered, you will be included in the ICM 2014 mailing list and will receive periodic ICM E-news for the next three years.

2. IMU Berlin Einstein Foundation Program (EFP)

On the occasion of the establishment of the permanent IMU Secretariat at the Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS) in Berlin, the Einstein Stiftung Berlin (ESB) has given a grant to the Berlin Mathematical School (BMS) to support mathematics. The focus of the grant program, called IMU Berlin Einstein Foundation Program (EFP), is the increase of interactions of young mathematicians from developing and economically disadvantaged countries with the lively mathematical environment in Berlin.

Applications are invited for research visits to Berlin lasting from three to nine months. PhD students, postdoctoral as well as more senior researchers are eligible to apply.

More information is available at: <<http://www.math-berlin.de/imu-esb>> www.math-berlin.de/imu-esb

3. Simons Foundation announces the Africa Mathematics Project

A few days ago, the Simons Foundation has announced a new initiative in support of mathematical research in Africa's institutions of higher learning. The program is designed to enhance the mathematical capacity and productivity of recipient research groups.

A planning committee consisting of Herbert Clemens (Chair), USA; Wandera Ogana, Kenya; Marie-Françoise Roy, France; and Hamidou Touré, Burkina Faso has been appointed to oversee the initial stages of the Africa Mathematics Project. Clemens and Ogana are members of IMU's Commission for Developing Countries (CDC). It is planned that requests for proposals will be available to applicants by late autumn of 2011.

More information is available at:
<https://simonsfoundation.org/africa-mathematics-project>

Best regards

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