

International Mathematical Union

Resolutions made at the seventh General Assembly in Hot Springs, Canada

1974

RESOLUTION 1

The General Assembly resolves to establish special funds, including one for the IMU Fellowship programme, to encourage and support international mathematical activities considered likely to contribute to the development of mathematical science in any of its aspects (see Statute 1 (c)). One of the main purposes of the funds shall be to assist in the exchange of mathematicians with developing countries.

RESOLUTION 2

The General Assembly resolves to express its thanks to the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) for providing funds for the purpose of making grants to young mathematicians in developing countries to enable them to attend the International Congress of Mathematicians.

RESOLUTION 3

While expressing its appreciation of the assistance so far received by IMU and ICMI, by way of annual ICSU and UNESCO grants or by special contract, the General Assembly resolves to draw the attention of UNESCO to the necessity of making a far greater provision for mathematical sciences on a continuing basis in their future programme and records the desire of IMU to be involved in the planning and execution of such programmes in association with UNESCO and ICSU.

RESOLUTION 4

The General Assembly approves the Executive Committee's decision to accept the generous donation of 5 million lire made by the Italian National Adhering Organization (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) in support of the IMU Fellowship programme and invites the Executive Committee to approach national academies, foundations and other bodies for further contributions.

RESOLUTION 5

The General Assembly received a report by Professor Sir James Lighthill on the work of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI). The General Assembly expresses its great appreciation of the activities of ICMI in every aspect of mathematical education, particularly in developing countries, and its hope that this work will continue to grow, and that the mathematical needs of other scientific disciplines will be taken into consideration.

RESOLUTION 6

The General Assembly approves the Financial Reports for the years 1970–1973 as printed in the International Mathematical News and in the Bulletin of the IMU.

RESOLUTION 7

The General Assembly resolves to amend Statute 14 so as to increase the number of unit contributions payable by members in Groups III, IV and V, from the present scale of 3, 5 and 8 units to a new scale of 4, 7 and 10, respectively, without changing the number of unit contributions payable by members in Groups I and II.

RESOLUTION 8

The General Assembly resolves to amend Statute 15 by deleting the five words “and fixed in gold weight”.

RESOLUTION 9

The General Assembly resolves to fix the Unit contribution at 600 Swiss francs.

RESOLUTION 10

The General Assembly approves the change of group of adherence of South Africa from Group I to Group II, with effect from January 1, 1975.

RESOLUTION 11

The General Assembly welcomes the suggestion that interest in the Union should be stimulated among countries having mathematical activities who are not yet members of the Union, and invites the Executive Committee to take appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 12

The General Assembly resolves that the Scientific Programme of the 1978 International Congress of Mathematicians (i.e. the invited addresses and the general arrangement of the Programme) be decided upon by a Consultative Committee consisting of nine members. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members to be appointed by the Organizing Committee of the Congress; this number shall be at least two and at most four. The remaining members of the Consultative Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, except that its Chairman shall be appointed by the President of the Union.

RESOLUTION 13

The General Assembly resolves that, before each International Congress, the Fields Medals Committee be appointed by the Executive Committee, and that the Committee's decisions be communicated to the Secretary of the Union, who shall obtain the medals from Canada, and that only arrangements for the actual presentation be made by the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

RESOLUTION 14

The General Assembly resolves that the recommendation for the location of the 1982 Congress be made by a Committee appointed by the Union and having on it at least two representatives of the Organizing Committee of the 1978 Congress.

RESOLUTION 15

The General Assembly resolves that the next General Assembly be called at about the same time and place as the next International Congress of Mathematicians.

RESOLUTION 16

The General Assembly resolves to continue the publication of the World Directory of Mathematicians every four years.

RESOLUTION 17

The General Assembly resolves that one copy of the World Directory of Mathematicians be sent free of charge to each National Adhering Organization.

RESOLUTION 18

The General Assembly expresses its thanks to Professor B.H. Neumann and to the Australian National University for their help in the production and circulation of the Canberra Circulars.