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Commission/Section's name

International Commission on the History of Mathematics

Website URL

<https://www.mathunion.org/ichm>

Names and affiliation of officers

Executive Committee

Chair: June Barrow-Green (UK)

Vice-Chair: Niccolò Guicciardini (Italy)

Secretary: Sloan Despeaux (USA)

Treasurer: Martina Schneider (Germany)

Frequency of business meetings in the past year

The Executive Committee usually has four business e-meetings each year with other meetings in between as and when business requires it. This year, due to Covid-19, there have been three business e-meetings together with email discussions.

Sub-committees have recently been struck to receive nominations and make recommendations for the ICHM May Medal and Prize, and for the ICHM Montucla Prize, to be awarded at the 26th ICHST in 2021.

Membership number of the Commission/Section (if formally constituted)

ACTIVITIES

Please list only the activities supported or undertaken by the Commission or Section as such during the past year, not the individual activities or publications of its officers. Please give the link to the webpage where each reported activity is advertised.

Conferences.

3 Conferences either cancelled, postponed or changed to online (see below)

Workshops and Symposia

Co-sponsorship of the Special Session on History of Mathematics at the Joint Mathematics Meeting, Colorado, USA. 17-18 January 2020.
<https://www.mathunion.org/ichm/reports/activity-reports>

Publications

N/A

Outreach

N/A

Other activities supported

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Grant Recipients (please add as many lines as necessary to the table)

| Name and affiliation | Details of covered costs (please provide receipts) | Purpose of travel (e.g. Conference and title of paper delivered) |
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| Yelda Nasifoglu (History Faculty, Oxford) | Travel to/from Istanbul to Oxford | Research workshop: The mathematical book trade in the early modern world (All Souls College, Oxford, UK, December 19-20, 2019); Title of paper : <i>Circulation of mathematical books in early modern Britain: Evidence from personal collection, bookseller and auction catalogues</i> |
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FUTURE PLANS

Changes in governance or organization structure

The ICHM's bank account has been shifted successfully from Denmark to Germany and integrated into the IMU's financial structure. This has the advantage that the ICHM account will not have to be set up anew when the ICHM treasurer changes.

Conferences

Five symposia at the joint **BSHM-CSHPM/SCHPM** Conference "People, Places, Practices", St. Andrews, Scotland, UK in July 2021 (postponed from July 2020 due to Covid-19). Each of these symposia is organized by an early career scholar and includes early career scholars among the speakers.

<http://www.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/bshm-cshpm/index.shtml>

It is anticipated that the organizers of the 32nd Novembertagung to be held in November 2021 will approach the ICHM for funding support. (See below for information about the Novembertagung.)

On the assumption that it will be possible to hold face-to-face conferences in 2021, it is anticipated that there will be other requests for funding from early career scholars (whose travel budgets are likely to be reduced).

Workshops

Symposia (including plans for holding one or more symposium at the 26th ICHST in Prague)

Three ICHM symposia have been accepted for the 26th ICHST in Prague. Each symposium has either students and/or early career scholars among its speakers, and we anticipate funding the registration fee for all ten of these scholars.

Publications

N/A

Outreach

N/A

Development of the website

The ICHM website, <https://www.mathunion.org/ichm>, is part of the IMU website. The ICHM does not incur any costs connected with it.

Other

The ICHM will hold an Open Meeting at the ICHST at which the May Medal and the Montucla Prize winners will be awarded.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any other information relevant to the activities and operation of your Commission / Section not already included above.

The Novembertagung, which is organised by early career scholars for early career scholars, is held every year in a different country. We consider this to be one of the most important meetings supported by the ICHM as it enables early career scholars to make contact with one another at an international level as well as having the opportunity to present their work in a supportive environment.

Due to Covid-19, many early career scholars have been denied the opportunity to participate in face-to-face conferences, and helping with funding their attendance at such conferences is usually the main way in which the ICHM offers them support. At the forthcoming online Novembertagung 2020, we will be announcing to early career scholars the availability of ICHM funding for support in different ways, such as childcare grants for attendance at online conferences, cost of scans from overseas archives, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Use of DHST funds in the last year (Please submit electronic copies of all receipts in a single pdf file, separate from the present report, and retain originals)

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| Website | 0 USD |
| Administration costs | 49 USD (Transfer/banking fees) |
| Conference support | 623 USD (from 2019: Yelda Nasifoglu) |

Budget for the proposed use of grant requested from DHST for the next year

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| Website | 0 USD |
| Administration costs | 100 USD |
| Conference support | 1065 USD |

Overall statement of the Commission/Section's financial position

(including, for Commissions, details of any surplus and other sources of funding, if relevant). Please indicate whether any conference support for 2020 has not been spent due to the COVID-19 pandemic; in that case please specify what use you plan to make of these funds in 2021 or in later years. These uses may include expenses related to online meetings, as well as workshops and conferences that include early career scholars among the speakers.

Other income: Royalties Elsevier 5000 USD; Royalties Springer 24 USD
Total Income: 6691 USD; Total Expenses: 672 USD; Balance: 6019 USD

Conference support not spent due to COVID 19 pandemic:

15th Austrian Symposium on the History of Mathematics, Miesenbach, Lower Austria, May 2020. This conference was cancelled.

5 symposia at the joint **BSHM-CSHPM/SCHPM** Conference “People, Places, Practices”, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, July 2020. This conference has been postponed to July 2021.

31st Novembertagung 2020 Axiomatics: Ancient and Contemporary Perspectives”, Berlin, Germany, November 2020.

This conference has been changed from face-to-face to online.

<https://novembertagung.wordpress.com/>

The ICHM has sponsored 3 ICHST symposia. Each symposium has either students and/or early career scholars among its speakers, and we anticipate funding the registration fee for all ten of these scholars.

We anticipate funding early career scholars for other online conference registration fees, as well as other expenses connected to such conferences, such as childcare, as well as other international research efforts, such as the scanning of archival documents.

Should it be possible to hold face-to-face conferences in 2021, it is anticipated that there will be requests for funding for travel from early career scholars (whose travel budgets are likely to be reduced).

GRANT REQUEST

Please provide a clear statement of your grant request for the next year. (The statement should be consistent with the budget given above.)

Please note that application may currently be made for:

- Up to USD1200 for website maintenance/development, increased online presence and online meetings, as well as workshops and conferences that includes early career scholars among the speakers. Please include details of planned developments and events, invoices, and/or names of supported earlier career scholars.
- Up to USD300 for administrative/operating costs,

Conference support

Registration fees for the 26th ICHST

6 early career scholars + 3 PhD students = USD780 + USD285 = USD1065.

Please provide the details of the bank account to which the grant should be transferred if allocated by the DHST Council.

Account Currency: Euro

Name of Account Holder: International Mathematical Union

Address of Account Holder: Hausvogteiplatz 11A, 10117 Berlin, Germany

IBAN: DE79 1007 0848 0511 3915 11

Bank code (SWIFT / BIC): DEUTDEDB110

Address of the Bank: Deutsche Bank Privat- und Firmenkundenbank AG,
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