

## **The Closing Ceremony**

### **The Closing Remarks from the Chair**

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Distinguished guests,  
Dear participants on-site and online,  
Ladies and gentleman,

The 14th International Congress on Mathematical Education is coming to an end. Eight years have slipped away since we sent our proposal for bidding to ICMI in 2013. Over the eight years, we've been through many zigs and zags as well as much warm help and support. Today, I'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all the people who have kindly offered us their help and support.

From our bidding till today, ICMI has seen three sessions of executive committee, and all the three sessions have high expectations of us and have offered us their utmost support. Therefore, I'd like to thank the three presidents of the three committees. They are

- Mr. Ferdinando Arzarello,
- Ms. Jill Adler, and
- Mr. Frederick Leung.

It is the three presidents and the three committees under their leadership that make ICME-14 possible.

I'd like to thank International Program Committee of ICME-14. This is an IPC on super-long standby. Since 2016 when it was formed, IPC has held three formal meetings, of which 2 are on-site and 1 online. IPC plays a crucial role regarding our academic decisions. Whenever we ran into questions, IPC members would always give their response promptly and help us out. This kind of interaction between IPC and us lasted all the way until the opening of the Congress. We are deeply grateful for the professional devotion of IPC!

I'd like to thank Local Organizing Committee and its working team. With a general layout, they do everything carefully and earnestly during the preparation of the Congress, which is arduous and complicated. It is their devotion and great effort that guarantee the completion of the preparation work of the Congress. All the IPC and LOC members present here, please come over to the stage.

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The preparation and holding of the Congress receive strong support from central and local government departments. China Association of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Education gave us support from the very beginning. Shanghai Municipal Government has been supporting us at long-term base. Shanghai Municipal Education Commission and Foreign Affairs Office have played critical roles in particular. Putuo District Government of Shanghai has also given us support in many aspects.

East China Normal University has been a good host. Starting from the bidding of the Congress, ECNU has been fulfilling its duty of guidance and management over the whole process of the Congress. It is worth mentioning that when the pandemic added more variables to the preparation of the Congress, ECNU adjusted the schedule of teaching and other activities and volunteered to offer the venue for the Congress. Furthermore, ECNU has made necessary repairs and renovation on the venue, and provided support in facilities and human resources.

The functional departments of ECNU have made important contribution to the Congress: during Congress preparation, they offered much help in decision-making, consulting, program management, financial services, and external contact; during the holding of the Congress, they provided all-round guarantee in many aspects including network communication, Congress security, health and epidemic prevention and logistic services. Now let's invite the leaders of ECNU and the heads of functional departments to the stage.

My warm thanks go to School of Music of ECNU, ECNU Symphony Orchestra and ECNU Student Art Troupe for their wonderful artistic performance, including a high-level concert.

Meng Xiancheng College of ECNU gave us support in manpower and materials during the preparation of the Congress. I'd like to thank all my colleagues there, particularly Ms. Nan Shi. She is the designer of Congress logo which is rich in connotation, and the artistic designer of bidding document and a series of Congress prints as well.

I also want to thank the School of Foreign Languages of ECNU, who helped with manpower as well as translation and interpreting.

School of Mathematical Sciences of ECNU is the direct support unit of the Congress in bidding, preparing and holding. It is impossible to enumerate all the work they have done. During the holding of the Congress, a number of faculty members and students adhere to their posts industriously and contribute greatly to the success of the Congress.

Let's invite the leaders and faculty members of School of Mathematical Sciences, School of Music and Meng Xiancheng College to the stage.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers and the graduate students who volunteer for the

Congress! Let's invite the representatives of volunteers and graduate students to the stage.

I'd also like to extend our thanks to the companies who have worked for the Congress. They are

- Shanghai DLG Exhibitions & Events (Group) Company. East Star Event Management Company,
- Shanghai Hua-shen Sino-Foreign Cultural Exchange Service Company,
- Shanghai Huada Electric Appliance Company, and
- Shanghai AMRTang-Plus Technology Company.

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- The International Commission on Mathematical Instruction,
- Shanghai Municipal Education Commission,
- Chinese Mathematical Society,
- East China Normal University,
- National Natural Science Foundation of China,
- Shanghai High School,
- People's Education Press,
- East China Normal University Press, and
- Shanghai Educational Publishing House.

The proceedings of the Congress will be published by World Scientific Co. Ltd. of Singapore. We'll make further announcements about the collection and publication of the proceedings. The representatives of the World Scientific are also present today. Let's invite them to the stage.

Dear guests and participants on-site and online,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Let's extend our most sincere thanks to all the people on the stage and the units they represent. Let's declare the closing of ICME-14 in the music of "Auld Lang Syne". May our academic connections and friendship established via ICME-14 bear rich fruit in the future!