Funding support for conferences organized by ICMI Regional Affiliate Organizations

Rationale

ICMI is committed to support research and development in mathematics education at all levels worldwide, and especially in developing countries.

ICMI applies the CDC[1] definition of a [developing country][2].

Several ICMI Regional Affiliate Organizations hold regular conferences which have a significant number of participants from developing countries.

ICMI Affiliate Organizations (AOs) are independent from ICMI and are self-financed. For conferences organized by Regional AOs, such AOs are encouraged to set up programs for subsidizing participation of delegates from developing countries. In some circumstances, ICMI may provide limited funding to support such participation, but this funding should not be taken as an entitlement.

Funding processes and guidelines

Applications for conference funding should make a case for why participation of delegates from developing countries is essential.

Each Regional AO may apply for a maximum of 5000 Euro financial support over each 4-year term of an ICMI EC.

Support can only be requested for participants (including plenary speakers) who are employed and living in a developing country.

Funding may be used to cover Economy travel and accommodation, but not meals. ICMI assumes that the conference will waive the registration fees for such participants.

The application must be made at least 3 months before the conference starts.

Application for ICMI support for conference participants from developing countries must be **made by the conference organizers.**

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[1] Commission for Developing Countries is another commission of IMU
https://www.mathunion.org/cdc

[2] https://www.mathunion.org/cdc/about-cdc/definition-developing-countries

Applications must contain the following information:

(1) Proposer details:

Name of the ICMI Affiliate Organization hosting the conference

Name, address, email of the proposer (the contact person for this organization)

(2) Conference details:

Name, date, and location of conference

Website of the conference (or a short paragraph outlining its context and aims)

An explanation as to why participation of delegates from developing countries is essential

(3) Financial details

A provisional budget for the conference, showing any other expected sources and amounts of financial support

The amount of support (in Euro) requested from ICMI

Explanation of how the organization plans to use the grant (e.g., for how many participants, from which countries these participants are expected to come, how much money per participant, for what purpose the money is to be used)

Funding applications must be sent by email to:

ICMI Secretary-General <icmi.secretary.general@mathunion.org>

and

ICMI Administrative Manager <icmi.administrator@mathunion.org>

The outcome of applications will be communicated to the conference organizer and the ICMI Regional AO officers. For successful applications, funds will be transferred to the conference organizers, not the individual conference participants covered by this application. Please note that there is no guarantee that the application will be successful. The EC's decisions on the applications are final.

For successful applications, 80% of the grant money can be allocated before the conference. The remaining 20% will only be delivered once a post-conference scientific report and all required financial documents have been sent to ICMI.

The organizers commit themselves to send a 1-2 pages post-conference scientific report and a complete financial report together with receipts attesting of the use of the grant. Please also send photographs from the conference that could be used for the ICMI website and newsletter.