

International Mathematical Union

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To: National Committees for Mathematics
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From: John Ball, President
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- 1) **Postal Ballot** -- Enclosed is a postal ballot regarding India's request to change from Group III to Group IV. *Please fax or mail the ballot to the Secretariat by October 15, 2003. (Please note: This date has been extended since the e-mail was sent in August).* Please see the following websites for information regarding India's mathematical activities: National Board for Higher Mathematics -- <http://www.nbhm.dae.gov.in/>; Tata Institute of Fundamental Research -- <http://www.math.tifr.res.in/>; Ramanujan Mathematical Society -<http://rms.enmail.com/index1.html>; Indian Society for Mathematical Modelling and Computer Simulation -- <http://www.cmmacs.ernet.in/ismmacs/>; Indian Society for History of Mathematics -- <http://www.indianshm.com/>; Calcutta Mathematical Society -- <http://www.iuk.edu/faculty/rgompa/calcutta.html>; Harishchandra Research Institute -- <http://www.mri.ernet.in/>; Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai (IMSc) -- <http://www.imsc.ernet.in/>; Indian Statistical Institute -- <http://www.isical.ac.in/>; Indian Institute of Science -- <http://math.iisc.ernet.in/>; Nonlinear Studies Group -- <http://math.iisc.ernet.in/~nsg/icnp.html>.
- 2) **Newsletter** -- The IMU has decided to start a regular electronic newsletter designed to inform mathematicians worldwide about the IMU, important international events, developments in mathematics, and the like. The plan is to release an issue about every two months. This newsletter will be edited by Mireille Chaleyat-Maurel (Paris) who was instrumental in the publicity campaign for the World Mathematical Year 2000.

Currently, the IMU is preparing a mailing list for the first issue of the IMU newsletter. We plan to release it around September 15, 2003. In order to reach as many mathematicians as possible, we ask for your support. Could you provide us with the e-mail addresses (and possibly also the names) of the members of your society?

The IMU guarantees that these e-mail addresses will be used only for "newsletter purposes" as described above. We will provide a simple "unsubscribe mechanism" so that everyone who wishes to be removed from this international mailing list has an easy way to delete his or her entry.

It would be most convenient for us to obtain a text-file from you electronically that is drawn up as follows:

Each line of the file contains the data of one member, i.e. the name (optional) and the

e-mail address of the member. This means that each line could have the following appearance "name" <e-mail address> for example John Ball <ball@maths.ox.ac.uk>

This format is easiest for us, but if your member list does not match this form we will be able to handle it as well. Just let us know how your list is structured (if this is not obvious anyway).

The mailing list, the archive, and the technological infrastructure of the IMU newsletter will be hosted at Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum (ZIB) in Berlin. ZIB is also hosting the IMU website that is currently undergoing a significant update, see <http://www.mathunion.org/> for the first version of the new website.

Please send the e-mail addresses of your members to Wolfgang Dalitz who is responsible at ZIB for all the data handling involved. His e-mail-address is as follows: dalitz@zib.de.

- 3) **World Directory of Mathematicians** -- The World Directory of Mathematicians has served a very useful purpose for many decades, but because of the cost of production and the lack of sales of the directory, the Executive Committee of the IMU has decided to discontinue publication. Therefore, the 12th Edition of the World Directory of Mathematicians will be the last edition.

In order to make the final edition available to as many people as possible, the IMU, through the American Mathematical Society (AMS), will discount the price from US \$70.00 to US \$35.00 per copy (no further discounts apply). This sale extends through December 31, 2003. For further information and online ordering please refer to the AMS website at: <http://www.ams.org/bookstore-getitem/item=WRLDIR/12>.

- 4) **IMU and Member Country Relations** -- The Executive Committee of IMU would like your view on how relations between IMU and your country could be improved, and whether there are specific issues relating to mathematics in your country for which IMU could be of assistance. Please e-mail your comments to: John Ball, ball@maths.ox.ac.uk.
- 5) **International Congress of Mathematicians 2006 (ICM 2006)**-- The ICM 2006 is going to be held in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday, August 22 - Wednesday, August 30, 2006. The General Assembly will be Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20, 2006, in Santiago de Compostela. The Program Committee is being chaired by Professor Noga Alon, Baumritter Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

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