To: IMU Adhering Organizations
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From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

- Postal Ballot 04/09 Application for Affiliate Membership of the African Mathematical Union (AMU)

- The African Mathematical Union (AMU), represented through its Secretary General O. Daniel Makinde, has applied for affiliate membership to the IMU. The AMU's webpage http://www.math.buffalo.edu/mad/AMU/AMU-index.html gives an overview of this organization.

Being an IMU affiliate member, the African Mathematical Union can automatically participate (without voting rights) in the IMU General Assembly. This gives the AMU an excellent possibility to observe the functioning and interaction of the mathematical community worldwide and will contribute to improve communication with the mathematicians in Africa. The Executive Committee of the IMU recommends to admit the African Mathematical Union as an affiliate member of the IMU.

Please vote on the request of the African Mathematical Union through the enclosed postal ballot* and return the ballot by mail or fax by December 15, 2009 to the address indicated on the ballot form.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Grötschel
IMU Secretary

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* The postal ballot sheet is forwarded only with regular mail to the Adhering Organizations of the IMU member countries who are solely responsible for voting. If the postal ballot would be sent out by e-mail (with possibly multiple recipients) this could lead to multiple voting of one member country (with possibly contrary votes – as has happened in the past).