

# IMU AO CL 9/2011: Facebook, Library Assistance, Africa Mathematics Project

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

Dear colleagues,

This circular letter addresses the following issues:

1. IMU on Web 2.0 platform Facebook
2. CDC launches the IMU Mathematics Library Assistance Scheme for Developing Countries
3. The Simons Foundation announces the Africa Mathematics Project

IMU hopes that you forward the information to the mathematics community in your country, in particular, that this e-mail generates a lot of new IMU friends on Facebook, that the library assistance scheme reaches those in need of literature, and that the Africa Mathematics Project funded by the Simons Foundations will enhance the mathematical capacity and productivity in sub-Saharan Africa. Get ready to apply!

Details can be found below.

Martin Groetschel  
IMU Secretary

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1. IMU on Web 2.0 Social Network Facebook

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IMU is now alive and active on Facebook under the name  
"IMU Secretariat (Mathunion)"  
as well as under

"International Mathematical Union".

If you want to know the latest updates of IMU (and have a Facebook page or profile):

- become friends of the IMU Facebook account; you just have to search for : <<http://www.facebook.com/mathunion>>

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- click the button LIKE at the institutional webpage:

<<http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Mathematical-Union/190457414332948?sk=wall>>

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Please distribute this information to everyone interested in your own networks.

2. CDC launches the IMU Mathematics Library Assistance Scheme for Developing Countries

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The Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) of the International Mathematical Union (IMU) has launched a

new support scheme where the shipment of textbooks to universities in less economically developed countries is supported.

CDC offers limited financial support for shipment costs for individual scientists or institutions wishing to donate books in the mathematical sciences to libraries in developing countries.

Libraries in universities/research institutions in developing countries can apply for to receive donated books.

For more information please go to:

<<http://imuweb.mathunion.org/cdc/further-cdc-activities/library-assistance-scheme/>>

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have a look at the press release

<http://imuweb.mathunion.org/cdc/further-cdc-activities/library-assistance-scheme/library-assistant-scheme-press-release/>

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### 3. The Simons Foundation announces the Africa Mathematics Project

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The program is designed to enhance the mathematical capacity and productivity of recipient research groups.

The project will focus on mathematicians and their graduate students at institutions of higher learning in sub-Saharan Africa. The Foundation will make competitive awards that, taken together, will total approximately 400,000 USD per year for each of the next 10 years.

More information:

<https://simonsfoundation.org/mps-africa-mathematics-project>