# **Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)

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# 1. Opening of the 16th General Assembly

# 1.1. Welcome

The IMU President I. Daubechies opened the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) of the IMU and cordially welcomed the participants of the meeting. The chair of the IMU GA organizing committee Jeong Han Kim welcomed the attendants of the GA meeting on behalf of the GA committee, he announced several organizational matters and explained the images of the big GA poster on the wall, See Appendix 1-1.

# 1.2. Approval of agenda and guide through the GA documents

The GA agenda was approved without any changes or modifications.

IMU Secretary M. Grötschel gave a short survey on how the GA documents were composed and how to use them.

# 1.3. Countries in arrears: Decision on voting rights

The IMU Secretary reported about the situation with respect to countries in arrears.

On July 20, 2014, 18 countries were in arrears with their contributions, of which - 9 countries for more than two years: Bosnia&Herzegovina(4), Bulgaria(4), Cameroon(5), Cuba(5), Montenegro(4.3), Peru(5.5), Saudi Arabia(3), Spain(3), Venezuela(3).

- 6 countries for four or more years: Bosnia&Herzegovina(4), Bulgaria(4), Cameroon(5), Cuba(5), Montenegro(4.3), Peru(5.5).

The applicable article of the Statutes reads as follows:

"32. Any Adhering Organization which is in arrears with its contributions for two years shall be warned and shall be deprived of its voting rights.

Any Adhering Organization which is in arrears for four years shall cease to be an adherent of the Union.

In any case, before taking action, the Executive Committee shall submit the question to the Members of the Union by postal ballot or at a meeting of the General Assembly who under special circumstances may waive these provisions by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes assigned to the Members."

After discussion of the issue, two suggestions were put to vote:

# Suggestion 1: Loss of voting rights of a country if it is more than two years in arrears.

#### <u>The General Assembly decided that countries in arrears more than two years who are</u> represented at this GA meeting are not allowed to vote (Saudi Arabia, Spain, Venezuela).

*VOTE (by show of hands): IN FAVOR = majority* 

Suggestion 2: Automatic loss of membership by the end of 2015, if a member is presently four or more years in arrears and if the arrears remain more than two years by December 31, 2015.

# The General Assembly decided to postpone the decision and refer suggestion 2 to the Resolutions Committee.

*VOTE (by show of hands): IN FAVOR = majority* 

# 2. Appointment of the following Subcommittees

# 2.1. Credentials Committee

C. Praeger explained the duties of the Credentials Committee and presented the proposed committee to the General Assembly.

Duties of the Credentials Committee:

- *Review the list of delegates that have registered at the General Assembly and verify each delegation is correctly constituted and present the list to the President of IMU*
- Ensure that voting procedures are understood

There were no comments or suggestions, the General Assembly approved the following committee.

Chair: Colva Roney-Dougal (UK) Alicia Dickenstein (Argentina) Fidel Nemenzo (Philippines)

# 2.2. Finance and Dues Committee

M. de León presented the proposed committee and explained its duties to the General Assembly.

Duties of the Finance and Dues Committee:

- *Review the proposed 2015-2018 budget*
- Make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning dues unit increase
- *Make recommendation to the General Assembly concerning action to be taken regarding dues in arrears*

There were no comments or suggestions, the General Assembly approved the following committee.

Chair: Nalini Joshi (Australia) Piermarco Cannarsa (Italy) Jungkai Chen (China, Math. Soc. located in Taipei) Victor H. Cortes (Chile) Abubakir Dzhuraev(Kyrgyzstan) Simone Gutt (Belgium) Ex officio: Alexander Mielke, Martin Grötschel, Sylwia Markwardt Guest: Helge Holden (Norway)

# 2.3. Election Committee

R. Piene explained the duties of the Election Committee and presented the proposed members.

Item 5. of the Procedures for Election:

- a. On the first day of the GA meeting, an **Election Committee** is formed which consists of all member of the Nominating Committee and all Past IMU Presidents present at the GA and, if necessary, further GA delegates elected to reach a membership of at least five. The election shall be from names either proposed by the President or proposed and seconded from the floor by show of hands, unless the meeting decides otherwise. The Election Committee is chaired by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, or if unavailable, by the IMU President. The Election Committee is responsible for handling the election process and decicing on all issues related to it that may arise.
- b. The Chair of the Election Committee presents the EC, CDC, and ICHM slates to the General Assembly

(Just for information) IMU Nominating Committee 2014: R. Piene, Norway (chair); I. Daubechies, USA; M. Jambu, France; M. Kashiwara, Japan; G. Martin, New Zealand; M S Raghunathan, India; J. Solà-Morales Rubió, Spain.

Duties of the Election Committee:

- Settle all issues coming up during the election process in particular
- Oversee the form of the ballot papers
- Clarify all matters coming up when suggestions from the floor are made

There were no comments or suggestions, the General Assembly approved the following committee.

Chair: Ragni Piene (Norway) John Ball (United Kingdom) Ingrid Daubechies (USA) Masaki Kashiwara (Japan) László Lovász (Hungary) M S Raghunathan (India)

# 2.4. Resolutions Committee

C. Rousseau presented the proposed committee and explained its duties to the General Assembly.

- Accept resolutions put forth by delegations prior to the close of the first day's sessions of the General Assembly (August 10)
- Review and edit resolutions received from the delegations
- Formulate resolutions
- Present the resolutions to the General Assembly with recommendations

There were no comments or suggestions, the General Assembly approved the following committee.

Chair: Günter Ziegler (Germany) Alejandro Adem (Canada) Georgia Benkart (USA) Rajenda Bhatia (India) Etienne Desquith (Ivory Coast) Liqun Zhang (China)

2.5. Tellers Committee

- Y. Long presented the proposed committee and explained its duties to the General Assembly.
  - Distribute ballots
  - Collect ballots
  - Verify ballots and discard invalid ballots
  - Count the votes
  - Report the outcome to the President of IMU

There were no comments or suggestions, the General Assembly approved the following committee.

Chair: Paolo Piccione (Brazil) Camilla Hollanti (Finland) Jong Hae Keum (Korea) Winston Sweatman (New Zealand) Nasser Sweilam (Egypt) Betül Tanbay (Turkey)

3. Review of the activities of the Union

3.1. Overview on Union activities (report of the IMU EC)

IMU President I. Daubechies gave a brief overview of the Union activities. She said the most important activities during the years 2011-14 featured already on the agenda, in particular

- the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) and the Mathematics in Emerging Nations: Achievements and Opportunities (MENAO) Symposium
- the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) and the Capacity & Networking Project (CANP)
- the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC) and the World Digital Mathematics Library (WMDL) and plans towards proceeding to a global mathematics library
- the IMU awards

• the report "Evaluation of individual researchers in mathematical sciences"

Items not on the agenda

- I. Daubechies officially launched the Web site "Women in Mathematics: <u>www.mathunion.org/wim</u>" which is a new section for the IMU Web site and meant to list organizations, resources, references concerning women mathematicians, women and mathematics, worldwide.
- I. Daubechies announced the EC's recent decision to create an IMU committee on women in mathematics. Responsibilities of the new committee include maintaining the WiM Web page, assisting the ICWM organization, advising the ICM Emmy Noether Lecture Committee, fostering links between national/regional women and math organizations, working with CDC, ICMI on issues related to women. The EC decided that a small, appropriately balanced group, chaired by Ingrid Daubechies, will work with the EC to define Terms-of-Reference and organizational structure of this committee, to be submitted to the EC at the spring 2015 meeting for discussion and possible approval.

IMU Secretary M. Grötschel reported on the resolutions requiring action by the IMU EC that were passed at the last GA in 2010 in Bangalore and the corresponding action taken by the EC.

# **Resolution 6**

The IMU Executive Committee is requested to study the feasibility of convening a Donors' Conference as a satellite to ICM 2014 in order to seek funding for IMU activities in support of developing countries. If found feasible, preliminary conference planning should begin in good time and should involve potential beneficiaries.

• Tremendous efforts were made to implement the request. This is described in detail in the CDC report under item 3.3. Special mention is to be made of the MENAO event scheduled for August 12, 2014.

# **Resolution 7**

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its appreciation for all initiatives that have been taken to encourage the participation of women and of contributors from developing countries at the ICM 2010 and urges the EC to continue with efforts in this direction.

• Examples giving evidences of the EC's and CDC's efforts were the WiM Web page and the decision to create a committee on women in mathematics that were announced by the IMU President. For more information, reference is made to the CDC report.

# **Resolution 8**

The General Assembly of the IMU recommends continuing the tradition of holding an Emmy Noether lecture at each ICM, with selection of the speaker to be made by a committee appointed by the IMU Executive Committee.

• A permanent ICM Emmy Noether Lecture was installed. <u>http://www.mathunion.org/activities/icm/emmy-noether-lecture/</u>

# **Resolution 9**

The General Assembly of the IMU proposes that at least one member of the Nominating Committee should be knowledgeable about CDC activities.

• Done. The Chair of the Nominating Committee was a CDC member.

# **Resolution 10**

The General Assembly of the IMU endorses the establishment of a Stable Office for the International Mathematical Union. The arrangement will be reviewed by the General Assembly of the IMU in 2018.

• Done. Details are provided in the report under item 9.

# **Resolution 11**

The General Assembly of the IMU accepts following changes in the Statutes of the Union:

28. The Secretary of the Union shall act also as its Treasurer, unless the Executive Committee appoints another person for this position.

29. The legal domicile of the Union shall be located at the office of the Union.

• Done. The IMU EC appointed a treasurer, the legal domicile is Berlin where the IMU office is located.

# **Resolution 14**

The General Assembly of the IMU agrees that the IMU will operate in 2011 under the proposed budget. Subject to the constraints of resolution 13, a new budget for 2012-2014 should be submitted to a vote of the Adhering Organizations by the end of 2011.

• Done. A new budget structure was voted on by the Adhering Organizations 2011.

# **Resolution 15**

The General Assembly of the IMU invites the EC to revise the Statutes concerning the distinction between general expenses (Schedule A) and special expenses (Schedule B).

• Done. The wording of the new budget structure is, in fact, such that a revision of the Statutes is not necessary.

# **Resolution 16**

The General Assembly of the IMU requests the Secretary to explore the possibility of electronic voting by the IMU Adhering Organizations. When the necessary hardware and software are available and the Executive Committee is convinced of their functionality, the EC should empower the Secretary to make use of electronic voting where appropriate.

• The electronic voting project was given up because of too much difficulties encountered. The structure and size of the Union are such that voting processes can be efficiently handled manually.

# **Resolution 17**

The General Assembly of the IMU endorses the document "Best Current Practices for Journals" of its Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC). The General Assembly of the IMU requests the CEIC to review the document according to the discussion during the GA and to continue their work on all aspects of this crucial issue so that the document reflects up-to-date best practices.

• Details to be provided in the CEIC report under item 7.1.

# **Resolution 18**

The General Assembly of the IMU asks the EC to create, in cooperation with ICIAM, a Working Group that is charged with considering whether or not a joint ICIAM/IMU method of ranking mathematical journals should be instituted, and what other possible options there may be for protecting against the inappropriate use of impact factors and similar manipulable indices for evaluating research.

- IMU/ICIAM blog on mathematical journals
- <u>http://blog.wias-berlin.de/imu-journals/</u>
- IMU/ICIAM Working Group Report on Journal Ranking (2011) <u>http://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/IMU/Report/WG\_JRP\_Report\_01.pdf</u>
- The Cost of Knowledge: <u>http://thecostofknowledge.com/</u>
- D. Arnold and K. Fowler, Nefarious Numbers, Notices American Math. Society (2011)
- A ranking of mathematical journals method was not established. Details to be provided in the CEIC report unter item 7.1.

# 3.2. IMU Circle

# C. Rousseau presented the IMU Circle to the GA.

# Creation of the IMU Circle

The members of the IMU Circle are mathematicians who have done sustained and distinguished contributions to IMU.

Their nomination on the IMU Circle is a recognition of their past commitment to IMU and institutional memory of IMU, and an appreciation of IMU of their valuable experience, support and advises.

# Role of the IMU Circle

The members of the IMU Circle have the following responsibilities:

- To present a "public face" on how IMU is serving the world mathematical community;
- To improve connections between IMU EC and the national mathematical communities, through the Adhering Organizations (AO) in the different countries;
- To advise IMU on public matters when requested.

# 3.3. CDC presentation, including introduction of MENAO

# Presentation by Srinivasan Kesavan, CDC Secretary for Grant Selection

# Commission for Developing Countries of the IMU

# History

Starting in 1978 the IMU has supported mathematics and mathematicians in developing countries through its Commission on Development and Exchanges that oversees a program of research travel grants and of grants for conferences in the developing world.

# ICM Travel Grants Program:

In 2010 the following travel grants were awarded to mathematicians from developing countries to attend ICM 2010:

- Over 770 Applications (410 Senior Mathematicians, 360 Young Mathematicians)
- 106 Awards (57 Senior Mathematicians, 63 Young Mathematicians)

IMU GA 2010: The Commission on Development and Exchanges (CDE) and the Developing Countries Strategy Group (DCSG) were merged into the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), with a mandate to continue the expanding and successful work previously carried out by CDE and DSCG.

Since January 2011 the CDC brings together all of IMU's historical and current initiatives and projects in support of mathematics and mathematicians in the developing world.

Total Budget 2010 – 2013 \$809,388.79 USD.

# CDC's Mandate:

- Manage, strengthen, and promote the programs of the IMU in developing and economically disadvantaged countries.
- Establish institutional partnerships with scientific organizations with common goals.
- Search for funding to support the corresponding activities.
- In 2010 the 16th General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union held in Bangalore, India, passed resolution 6 to examine the feasibility of holding a "donors conference" at the next ICM.

# Members (2011-2014)

José-Antonio de la Peña (Mexico) - CDC President

C. Herbert Clemens (USA) - CDC Secretary for Policy

Srinivasan Kesavan (India) - CDC Secretary for Grant Selection

Carlos Cabrelli (Argentina) - Latin American Member

Wandera Ogana (Kenya) - African Member

Hoang Xuan Phu (Vietnam) - Asian Member

Ragni Piene (Norway) - CDC members appointed by the IMU Executive Committee

Polly W. Sy (Philippines) - CDC members appointed by the IMU Executive Committee

Angel Ruiz (Costa Rica) - CDC member appointed by the ICMI Executive Committee

Ingrid Daubechies (USA), IMU President and Ex-officio CDC Member

# Meetings:

In the period 2010-2013 two meetings of the CDC took place:

- On January 31, 2011 the members of the CDC and other selected members met to discuss the Donors Conference Workshop (later called MENAO). All costs were covered from the IMU Secretariat funds.
- The second CDC Meeting was held March 9th-11th, 2013 also at the IMU Secretariat, in Berlin, Germany. 98% of the costs were covered by the IMU Secretariat (WIAS Berlin).

*Highlights of activities during* 2010 – 2013

• Grants for Conferences:

Partial support to conferences organized in developing and economically disadvantaged countries. Supporting selected major international conferences occurring in developed countries to enable them to invite mathematicians from developing counties.

• Grants for Individual Research Travel (IRT) Support: Funds for academic use only (travel or living expenses of invited speakers or participants coming from developing countries).

The Individual Research Support Program supports travel costs for research visits (minimum stay is four weeks) by mathematicians based in developing and economically disadvantaged countries.

2010 - 2013	Awards Made	Conferences in Developing Countries*	Dev. Country participation in conferences in Developed Countries	Individual Research Travel Support
Total	133	79	22	32
Total value	215,704 USD	140,593 USD	42,685 USD	32,426 USD

Grants for Conferences	and Individual Research T	Travel (IRT) Support 2010-201	3

Highlights 2010 – 2013 - Volunteer Lecturer Program

Through this program the CDC was able to offer universities in the developing world lecturers for intensive 3-4 week courses in mathematics at the advanced undergraduate or master's level.

Volunteer Lecturer Program 2010 - 2013

Volunteers to RUPP, Cambodia:

1) January 23 - February 10, 2012:

*France – Cambodia*: BriGiratte Lucquin (Université Pierre et Marie Curie Paris 6, France) 2) March 20 - April 11, 2012:

*Philippines- Cambodia*: Fidel Nemenzo (Institute of Mathematics, University of the Philippines). 3) January 21 - February 15, 2013:

*France – Cambodia*: Brigitte Lucquin (Université Pierre et Marie Curie Paris 6, France)

4) July 1 – August 3, 2013:

Spain- Cambodia: Gonzalo Aranda Pino (Universidad de Málaga, Spain)

5) May 27– June 22, 2013:

*USA- Cambodia:* Raymond Greenwell (Hofstra University, USA) All costs were covered by USNCM. 6) April 29 –May 24, 2013:

*USA- Cambodia*: Mark Gockenbach (Michigan Technological University, USA) All costs were covered by USNCM.

VLP volunteers to Africa 2010 - 2013

1) May 5– May 25, 2010:

*France-Nigeria:* Dr. Vladimir Vershinin at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile –Ife, Nigeria. 2) October 2010:

*USA- Nigeria*: Dr. Michael Nakamaye at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 3) November 7 – 25, 2011:

*France – Benin*: Dr. Brigitte Lucin (Université Pierre et Marie Curie Paris 6, France) at the l'Institut de Mathematiqes et de Sciences Physiques (IMSP) de l'Université d'Abomey Calavi, Benin. 4) August 10 – September 5, 2011:

*USA – Tanzania:* Dr. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer (George Mason University, USA) at Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology in Tanzania. All the costs were covered by USNCM. 5) January 28 – February 27, 2012:

*Spain – Tanzania*: Gonzalo Aranda Pino (Universidad de Málaga, Spain) at University of Dar Es Salaam in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

6) August 9, - September 6, 2012:

*USA – Tanzania*: Padmanabhan Seshaiyer (George Mason University, USA at NM AIST-Arusha, Tanzania. All costs were covered by USNCM.

7) March 30 - April 14, 2013:

*Belgium- Democratic Republic of Congo*: Christophe Petit (Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) at the Université de Kinshasa (UNIKIN), Kinshasa, Républic démocratique du Congo.

8) January 8 – 24, 2014:

*USA- Benin*: Kasso Okoudjou, (University of Maryland, College Park MD, USA) at IMSP, Dangbo and Porto-Novo Benin.

Volunteers to Honduras

1) September 23 - October 22, 2012:

*Brazil- Honduras*: Victor Gonzalo Neumann (Universidad Federal de Uberlandia, Brazil) at the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán in Tegucigalpa.

2) October 14 - November 12, 2012

*Brazil- Honduras*: Ana María Bertone (Universidad Federal de Uberlandia, Brazil) at the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán in Tegucigalpa.

3) October 13 - November 4, 2013

*Brazil- Honduras*: Dr. Guillermo Antonio Lobos Villagra (Universidad Federal de San Carlos (UFSCar), Brazil) at the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Volunteers to Iraq:

1) Spring 2012

India – Iraq: Chandan Singh Dalawat (India) in Erbil, Iraq.

Volunteers to Uzbekistan:

1) August 6-24, 2012:

*USA- Uzbekistan*: Dr.Zair Ibragimov from California State University, Fullerton, at the Urgench State University, Urgench City, Uzbekistan. All costs were covered by USNCM. 2) Dec. 2 - Dec. 21, 2013:

*Germany- Uzbekistan* Dr. Rüdiger Müller, (WIAS Berlin, Germany) at Urgench State University, Urganch City, Uzbekistan.

# <u>Project support 2010 – 2013</u>

Under this category the CDC supported capacity-building projects and programs in mathematics and mathematics education, be they local, national, or international initiatives, in developing countries.

# Library Assistance Scheme

The IMU - CDC Library Assistance Scheme matches donors of mathematical materials with libraries in universities and research institutions in developing countries where there is a need for mathematical research literature. The CDC offers limited financial support for shipment costs to individual scientists or institutions wishing to donate books in the mathematical sciences to libraries in developing countries.

The following institutions received book donations (CDC supported the shipment cost)

- University of Tibet in Lhasa (2011)
- National University of Laos (2011)
- The Pan African Centre of Mathematics, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2011)
- KCA University in Nairobi; Kenya (2013)

# Support for Cambodian students

Kimsy Tor, a student from Cambodia who is now studying at Manhattan College in the USA received a partial grant of USD 400 to travel to Lyon, France from August 20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to participate in the International Summer School of Mathematics for Young Students, 2012 (www.issmys.eu). Five outstanding students from the Master Program at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) (four Cambodians and one Laotian student) received a scholarship to continue their graduate studies in the Philippines at the Institute of Mathematics, University of the Philippines. They started their program in October, 2012. The total support was USD 8,000.

# Grants to Support the following activities focused on Women Mathematicians:

*Workshop for Women and Mathematics in Africa*, which took place from October 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso.

# African Women in Mathematics workshop, South Africa (AIMS).

The CDC supported the second "African Women in Mathematics workshop" which took place at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), South Africa, from July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The workshop was part of an initiative by the African Mathematical Union (AMU) through its Women in Mathematics Committee (AMUCWMA) and the International Center for Pure and Applied Mathematics (CIMPA/ICPAM).

# The European Women in Mathematics (EMW) Network Meeting, Germany

The EMW organized its 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting at in Bonn, Germany from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013. EWM is a network with hundreds of members and over 30 coordinators in Europe. The EWM general assembly was also held during the meeting.

# Mathematics Education Support: ICMIs Capacity and Network Project

CANP is a developing program of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction, supported by the IMU and IMU–CDC.

The workshops are mathematics-intensive and conducted annually. DCSG and CDC supported the first Capacity and Network Project (CANP) held in 2011 in Mali as well as CANP 2 Central America and the Caribbean held in Costa Rica in 2013 and CANP 3 South East Asia, in Cambodia.

# Conferences and Capacity Building Support: GIRAGA XIII

In 2010 DCSG supported GIRAGA XIII, the biennial research conference for Francophone Africa held in Cameroon. This conference has been convened every other year in West Africa for a quarter of a century and is the premier conference at which mathematicians from Francophone Africa have the opportunity to present their research. In the following years GIRAGA has received support from the CDC Grant Selection Committee (GSC).

#### Conferences and Capacity Building Support:

# International Conference on Revitalizing Research in Kurdistan (Iraq)

DCSG supported in 2010 Dr. Zainy to participate in the Erbil (Iraq) workshop "International Conference on Revitalizing Research in Kurdistan". One of the important aspects of his participation was to interact with other mathematicians in the region and get help in fostering the mathematical community in Iraq.

# Inter University Ibero-American Mathematics Competition (Ecuador)

The Ecuadoran Mathematical Society received in 2011 the amount of USD 2,000 to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter University Ibero-American Mathematics Competition (IMMC) held from October 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Quito, Ecuador. IIMC is a regional competition for undergraduate math students.

# Workshop "Finding Online Information in Mathematics" (Cambodia)

In 2011 the education and capacity workshop "Finding Online Information in Mathematics", by Anders Wändahl, a member of the European Mathematical Society - Committee for Developing Countries was supported. After two successful workshops held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in Bamako, Mali in 2010, the 2011 workshop took place at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from Aug 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

# Urgent funding need 2010-present

#### AMMSI 2010-2013 Scholarships

AMMSI is a network of mathematics centers in Africa that organizes conferences and workshops, visiting lectureships and an extensive scholarship program for mathematics graduate students doing PhD work in the African continent.

The AMMSI Postgraduate Scholarship Programme was started in 2005 as part of the Mellon Foundation support to AMMSI activities. It was designed to provide partial support to students of mathematics and its applications. During the period of 2005 - 2009, just under 200 scholarships were awarded to students from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Since the 2009/2010 academic year, the project has been supported through an annual grant of USD 20,000 from the CDC/IMU, from which a total of 45 PhD students have benefited.

The CDC has supported AMMSI during 2010-2013 with the total amount of USD 84,000. In 2010-2013 the supported students came from Kenya, Senegal, Ghana, Cameroon, Malawi, Benin, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Namibia.

The AMMSI scholarship program currently needs continuous international funding to maintain its vital work of providing the continent with its next generation of mathematical leadership.

#### MARM

The Mentoring African Research in Mathematics (MARM) program was founded in 2006 with support from the Nuffield Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust.

MARM supports mathematics and its teaching in Sub-Saharan Africa. The program is designed to counter the mathematics "brain-drain" from Sub-Saharan Africa by mentoring qualified mathematics professionals in-situ. The scheme concentrates on the creation of joint research partnerships between UK mathematicians, their colleagues in Sub-Saharan Africa and the doctoral students of those colleagues.

The CDC support for MARM 2011-2014:

- 2011: USD 3,409.25 to support John Elgin to coordinate the MARM program.
- 2012: USD 4,600 to the London Mathematical Society to carry out a study about the MARM program and its effectiveness. The report can be found on the CDC website.
- 2013-14: A LMS-CDC partnership to support the continuation of the MARM project was proposed. An annual funding of USD 15,000 was earmarked in 2013-14 by CDC for this purpose and it will be matched by a grant from the London Mathematical Society.

# The CDC's principal source of income is an **annual grant from the International Mathematical Union (IMU)** which receives financial support from IMU member countries and a generous **annual grant from the Niels Henrik Abel Board** (Norway).

Other financial supporters include:

- German Ministry of Education and Research and the City of Berlin
- Japanese Mathematical Society
- Simons Foundation
- Swiss Mathematical Society

# More information about the CDC can be found on the website: <u>www.mathunion.org/CDC</u>

# New CDC administered programs

#### Abel Visiting Scholar Program

In 2013 the Niels Henrik Abel Board (Norway) and the CDC launched the Abel Visiting Scholar Program. The Niels Henrik Abel Board gives an annual grant of USD 15,000 to support junior

postdoctoral mathematicians professionally based in developing countries to visit an international research collaborator for a period of one month. The period is extendable for up to three months in the case of matching support from the host institution. Three awards of USD 5,000 each are made each calendar year.

The program is designed to offer the opportunity for a 'research sabbatical,' a necessary complement to teaching and other academic duties for mathematicians desiring to sustain a viable research program.

In 2013, three young researchers, one each from China, India and South Africa, were supported. Of these, one was a woman mathematician.

#### IMU-Simons Travel Fellowship Program

The CDC has successfully applied for support from the Simons Foundation in New York, USA and will receive annually the amount of USD 25,000 for 2014-2016 for the "IMU-Simons Travel Fellowship Program". It has been decided to replace the Individual Research Travel Grant Program from 2014-2016 with the IMU-Simons Travel Fellowship Program. The CDC Grant Selection Committee (GSC) is responsible for this program.

CDC	Rudant	2010	2013
UDU	Duagei	2010-	2015

Total Income 2010-2013	\$809,388.79	% (of spent funds)
Total Spending		
A) Project Support	\$170,832.72	31%
B) Volunteer Lecturer Program	\$55,628.69	10%
C) Library Assistant Scheme	\$8,572.16	2%
D) Grants for Conferences and		
Individual Research Travel Support	\$235,347.32	43%
E) Research	\$38,094.00	7%
Administrative Costs	\$40,301.96	7%
Total Spent/ Committed in 2010-13	\$548,776.85	100%
Unspent/ Uncommitted Budget 2010-		
2012	\$41,667.15	
Savings as of 31.12.2013	\$218,944.79	

In 2013 CDC received from IMU a special grant of EURO 100,000.00 (included in the Savings of 31.12.2013) that has to be distributed by 31.12.2014. It is planned to meet the deadline and distribute those funds by 31.12.2014. The CDC members will take final decisions after the MENAO symposium in August 2014 in Seoul Korea.

#### MENAO

At the joint meeting of the CDC and the IMU EC in March 2013, the IMU and CDC decided to hold the "Mathematics in Emerging Nations: Achievements and Opportunities" (MENAO) symposium on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Seoul, Korea, prior to the opening of ICM 2014.

The MENAO symposium will feature personal stories from a variety of mathematicians, countryspecific development stories – both from the perspective of mathematicians in developing countries and from the perspective of their international partners – as well as an insight into the state of mathematics in Korea and its influence on economic development.

#### MENAO: Reports on state of mathematics

#### Reports on mathematics research and graduate education in emerging nations 2010-2013:

CDC members have been working on reports on the current state of mathematics in Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America and on opportunities for new initiatives to support mathematical development in these regions. The reports are published on the CDC website and will be made available at the MENAO symposium.

# CDC recommendations to the new CDC for the next four years:

- continue Volunteer Lecturer Program
- continue library assistance
- continue research travel grants and conference grants
- continue regional studies and projects
- continue stop-gap funding for essential programs in financial crisis (AMMSI, MARM)
- continue support of mathematics education (CANP)
- give attention to newly active regions of the world and their mathematical communities
- And of particular importance:
- follow-up with government agencies, foundations and individuals on opportunities created or suggested as a result of the MENAO symposium

(one-time funding for this has been authorized by IMU/EC)

Sources: Herbert Clemens (CDC Secretary for Policy) Kesavan (CDC Secretary for Grants) Lena Koch (CDC Administrator at the IMU Secretariat)

# 4. IMU Awards

4.1. Review of Fields Medals rules4.2. Making IMU Prize winners public

Presentation by L. Lovász

# First proposed resolution

"The names of all those who are to receive IMU medals and prizes at an upcoming ICM should be announced at a press conference at a place to be agreed upon by the IMU Executive Committee and the ICM Organizing committee approximately 12 weeks before the ICM ceremony at which they will be presented." (Potential announcement date: May 14, the birthday of J.C. Fields).

# Second proposed resolution

"The 2015-18 EC should establish, in 2015, an ad-hoc committee that will consider possible adjustments of the rules governing the IMU prizes and medals. This committee, nominated by the EC and consisting of past chairs of IMU award committees (Fields, Gauss, Nevanlinna, etc.), could in particular formulate recommendations about the possibility of single awards being shared by several collaborators, and about changing or relaxing the currently specified age limits. The committee should report on its work, including recommendations it wishes to make, to the EC prior to the 2016 EC meeting. Recommendations approved by the EC will be sent to the AOs in 2016, for their consideration, in preparation for voting by the AOs."

# Opinions of IMU Circle members on earlier announcement of winners:

AGAINST
• Greater drama when announced, attracts press attention to ICM.
• Enhances the profile of Fields medals, compensating for the modest financial reward.
• Part of the charm is the buildup to the opening ceremony, when all the rumors will be confirmed.
• Don't change a long tradition unless absolutely necessary.

# Modified second proposed resolution

"The 2015-18 EC should establish, in 2015, an ad-hoc committee that will consider possible adjustments of the rules governing the IMU prizes and medals. This committee, nominated by the EC and consisting of past chairs of IMU award committees (Fields, Gauss, Nevanlinna, etc.), could in particular formulate recommendations about announcing the prize winners before the opening ceremony of the ICM, about the possibility of single awards being shared by several collaborators, and about changing or relaxing the currently specified age limits. The committee should report on its work, including recommendations it wishes to make, to the EC prior to the 2016 EC meeting. Recommendations approved by the EC will be sent to the AOs in 2016, for their consideration, in preparation for voting by the AOs."

# After discussion of the proposed resolutions the General Assembly approved to refer the <u>modified second proposed resolution</u> to the Resolutions Committee.

# 4.3. Leelavati and Ramanujan Prizes

Presentation by V. Srinivas

# Ramanujan Prize

For young mathematicians from developing countries

The Prize is awarded to a researcher from a developing country, who must be less than 45 years of age on 31 December of the year of the award, and who has conducted outstanding research in a developing country.

The Ramanujan Prize has been awarded annually since 2005. The Prize was originally instituted by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), the Niels Henrik Abel Memorial Fund, and the International Mathematical Union (IMU). The participation of the Abel Fund ended in 2012; the 2013 Prize was jointly funded and administered by the ICTP and the IMU. The Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India has agreed to fund the Prize for a 5 year period, starting with the 2014 Prize.

Year, Sponsors	Statistics	Committee	Winner
2011 ICTP, IMU, Abel Fund	Call: 21/7/2011 Closed: 30/10/2011 Nominations: 27 Announced on: 16/01/2012	L. Gottsche (Chair), H. Holden, M. J. Pacifico, V. Srinivas, G. Tian	Philibert Nang (Gabon) Field: Algebraic D-modules
2012 ICTP, IMU, Abel Fund	Call: 20/1/2012 Closed: 1/4/2012 Nominations: 29 Announced on: 25/6/2012	L. Gottsche (Chair), H. Holden, Ngo Bao Chau, M. J. Pacifico, V. Srinivas	Fernando Coda-Marques (Brazil) Field: Differential Geometry
2013 ICTP, IMU	Call: 09/11/2012 Closed: 01/02/2013 Nominations: 36 Announced on: 11/06/2014	L. Gottsche (Chair) A. Banyaga Ngo Bao Chau Zhi-Ming Ma	Ye Tian (People's Republic of China) Field: Number theory
2014 ICTP, IMU, DST (India)	Call: 18/11/2013 Closed: 01/02/2014 Nominations: 31 Announced on: 24/06/2014	Fernando R. Villegas (Chair) A. Banyaga Zhi-Ming Ma Duong H. Phong M.S. Raghunathan	Miguel Walsh (Argentina) Field: Ergodic Theory

#### Earlier Awards

- 2005 Marcelo Viana (Brazil), Dynamical Systems
- 2006 Ramadorai Sujatha (India), (Number Theory)
- 2007 Jorge Lauret (Argentina), (Differential Geometry)
- 2008 Enrique R. Pujals (Brazil/Argentina), (Dynamical Systems)
- 2009 Ernesto Lupercio (Mexico), (Topology and Mathematical Physics)
- 2010 Yugnang Shi (People's Republic of China), (Differential Geometry)

#### Leelavati prize: 2014

The Leelavati Prize, sponsored by Infosys, is intended to accord high recognition and great appreciation of the International Mathematical Union (on behalf of the international mathematical

community) and Infosys of outstanding contributions for increasing public awareness of mathematics as an intellectual discipline and the crucial role it plays in diverse human endeavors.

Sponsor	Call	Nominations	Languages	Committee	Winner
Infosys	July 2012 (IMU-Net 54)	~12	English	David Mumford (Chair)	To be announced!
			Spanish	Oh Nam Kwon	
			Italian	Guillermo Martinez	
			French	M.S. Raghunathan	
			German	S.R.S. Varadhan	

# 4.4. Overview of award selection procedures

# Presentation by M. Grötschel

# IMU awards

At this moment in time IMU awards the following prizes:

- Fields Medal (since 1936)
- **Rolf Nevanlinna Prize** (since 1982)
- Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize (since 2006)
- Chern Medal Award (since 2010)
- Leelavati Prize (since 2010)

There is a special selection procedure for the

#### • ICM Emmy Noether Lecture (since 1994)

- IMU plays an institutional role for the
- The Abel Prize (since 2003)
- The Ramanujan Prize (since 2005)

# For every award, there is

- a description of the achievements for which the prize is given
- a rule defining the composition of the prize selection committee
- a guideline for nominations to be made (with deadlines), self-nomination is strongly discouraged
- a deadline for decisions to be taken
- a list of additional constraints (such as age limit)
- a guideline for handling conflicts of interest
- All prize selection committees are appointed by the IMU Executive Committee. They act in complete autonomy.
- The prize selection committees make the decisions, the IMU EC has no influence on the decisions.
- The prize selection committees are not bound to consider only persons nominated by others.

# For every award, there is a description of the achievements for which the prize is given. *Example* Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize:

*The prize is to honor scientists whose mathematical research has had an impact outside mathematics – either in technology, in business, or simply in people's everyday lives.* 

*Prize selection committee sizes (numbers can vary +/- 2):* 

10

5

- Fields Medal
- Rolf Nevanlinna Prize 5
- Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize 5
- Chern Medal Award 5
- Leelavati Prize

All committee members are appointed by the IMU EC.

#### Exceptions:

Chern Medal Award: One member is appointed by the Chern Medal Foundation Leelavati Prize: Two members are appointed by INFOSYS.

#### **Proposal:**

Invite the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), which awards the Turing Award, to nominate one member of the Nevanlinna Prize selection committee.

#### The General Assembly approved to invite the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), which awards the Turing Award, to nominate one member of the Nevanlinna Prize selection committee of the IMU.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# ICMI awards

International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) created two prizes recognizing outstanding achievement in mathematics education research:

- The Felix Klein Award, named after the first president of ICMI (1908-1920), honours a lifetime achievement.
- The **Hans Freudenthal Award**, named after the eighth president of ICMI (1967-1970), recognizes a major cumulative program of research.

Both awards are handled by an Awards Committee of six persons appointed by the President of ICMI, after consultation with the Executive Committee and with other scholars in the field. The Awards Committee is completely autonomous once appointed.

NEW 2014

• ICMI Emma Castelnuovo Award, for Excellence in the Practice of Mathematics Education

# 5. Diversity in excellence in IMU activity (UK proposal)

# Presentation by T. Lyons

#### Issues

- Invitations to speak that the ICM have a profound impact on individuals' careers and also in university hiring decisions.
- They shape the mathematical direction of institutions.
- Ultimately they change the direction of mathematics.
- They give nurture (or not) to mathematical specialisms.
- They can impede contemporary developments.
- The choice of speakers has an impact well beyond the ICM itself.

#### Concerns

- To acknowledge the importance of the ICM, and the influence the speaker selection process for the ICM has on the way that mathematics as a whole evolves.
- The purpose is not to be critical of individuals who are involved. The intention of the agenda point and proposal is to better and more urgently use the diversity in excellence to strengthen and invigorate the ICM and mathematics worldwide.
- There are successes but there are also serious issues: with gender, geography and discipline.
- I am told that between 1990 and 2010, for membership of IMU prize committees, over the 100 members of 16 committees there were only 4 women.
- There are challenges with momentum rewarding the established areas and missing new developments until the citations are already in the thousands...

#### Speaker Selection

- ICM can have a sense of conservatism at the expense of new developments and linkages across areas.
- We would like to see the executive committee conduct a review of the process of speaker selection aimed at a process more fit for the current environment and rapid developments.
- A process that captures a more diverse range of excellence and captures it much earlier.
- A process that gives a much higher priority to making connections within and outside mathematics as an integral part of the selection process in every section.

• We think the IMU should develop some explicit targets for diversity in subject, geography and gender and report on these routinely.

# Proposed resolution and action

- 1) The IMU GA notes the efforts made by the IMU Executive Committee in this area and is mindful of the high quality of individuals involved in IMU activities.
- 2) The IMU GA encourages the Executive Committee to ensure that future ICM sectional themes accurately reflect the balance and breadth of current mathematical research excellence worldwide, and that the resulting programmes are appropriately diverse in terms of geographical spread and gender balance.
- 3) The IMU GA asks that the Executive Committee provides a full report to the 2018 IMU General Assembly on progress in achieving diversity in excellence represented in IMU activity, and provides annual updates on progress in a specific section of the IMU Annual Report.

# After discussion the General Assembly decided that the UK (T. Lyons) works with the Resolutions Committee to present to the GA a revised version of the resolution.

6. Recommendation "Evaluation of individual researchers in the mathematical sciences"

Presentation by W. Werner

# Recommendation

# **on the evaluation of individual researchers in the mathematical sciences** Bulletin 64, Appendix I, pages 8-13

The document was prepared by a committee set up by the Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union, composed of the following mathematicians:

- Mariolina Bartolini Bussi (nominated by the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI))
- Carlos Cabrelli (nominated by the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC))
- Andreas Schuppert (nominated by the International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM))

and chaired by

• Wendelin Werner (IMU Executive Committee).

# The General Assembly endorsed the *Recommendation on the evaluation of individual* researchers in the mathematical sciences.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = 114, *AGAINST* = 8, *ABSTENTIONS* = 5

# 7. Review of the activities of the Union (cont'd)

# 7.1. CEIC presentation, WDML, CEIC Terms of Reference 2015-2018

# Presentation by P. Olver

Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC)

• The CEIC is a standing committee of the Executive Committee (EC) of the International Mathematical Union, reviewed every four years by the EC at its meeting preceding that of the IMU General Assembly.

- Members are appointed in even-numbered years for staggered four year terms, normally commencing on January 1 of the following year, using criteria similar to those for IMU Commissions.
- The mandate of the CEIC is to advise the EC on matters concerning information and communication.

# CEIC Terms of Reference

- Reporting regularly to the EC, advising it on aspects of IMU operations related to information and communication, including financial implications, and keeping it informed of new developments.
- Reviewing the development of electronic information, communication, publication, and archiving so as to keep the EC abreast of current and emerging issues. Publicising relevant developments to the wider community via "IMU on the Web" ("CEIC Notes and Community") and other methods.

("CEIC Notes and Comments") and other methods.

- Advising the EC about potential opportunities to endorse standards ('best practice recommendations') on issues related to publication and communication, including such matters as the use of software and data repositories.
- Advising the EC about potential opportunities to foster the growth of electronic infrastructure, and selectively creating tools for this purpose.

# Current Membership

- Thierry Bouche, Université de Grenoble I, France (2011-2014)
- Olga Caprotti, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (2008-2016)
- Tim Cole, University of Illinois, USA (2013-2016)
- James Davenport, University of Bath, UK (2008-2016)
- Carol Hutchins, Courant Institute, USA (2008-2016)
- László Lovász, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary (2011-2014)
- Peter Olver, University of Minnesota, USA (Chair) (2008-2014)
- Ravi Vakil, Stanford University, USA (2011-2014)

# **Recent Meetings**

- Berlin, July 12-13, 2014
- Bath, June 15-16, 2013
- Berlin, July 19-20, 2012
- New York, May 7-8, 2011
- Minneapolis, February 13-14, 2010

# Principal Activities of CEIC 2010-14

- Panel Discussions at ICM2014
- Publishing: Best practices, journal blog, open access, copyright
- World Digital Mathematics Library (WDML)
- Online education and MOOCs
- Archiving and Secure Communication
- World Data System
- Web pages and IMU-Net

# ICM Panel Discussion #1

"Mathematical Massive Open Online Courses" (M-MOOCs)

Monday, August 18, 4:30-6:00pm, Room 402

A discussion of MOOCs and new developments in online education, and their impact on mathematical research, teaching, and education throughout the world. This session will be held in conjunction with the "How Can We Teach Better" panel/round table to be organized by ICMI.

Moderator:	James Davenport, University of Bath, UK
Panelists:	Bill Barton, The University of Auckland, New Zealand
	Robert Ghrist, University of Pennsylvania, USA
	Matti Pauna, University of Helsinki, Finland
	Angel Ruiz, Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica

# ICM Panel Discussion #2

"The Future of Mathematical Publishing"

Tuesday, August 19, 6:00-7:30pm, Room 402

The panel will discuss current issues in mathematical publishing, including such topics as journal rankings and metrics, open access, publishing costs and ethics, the Cost of Knowledge boycott, new models of publishing, epijournals, and related developments.

Moderator:	Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, European Research Council, Belgium
Panelists:	Rajendra Bhatia, Indian National Science Academy, India
	Jean-Pierre Demailly, Institut Fourier, France
	Chris Greenwell, Elsevier, The Netherlands
	Thomas Hintermann, European Mathematical Society Publishing House, Switzerland
	Nalini Joshi, University of Sydney, Australia
	Ravi Vakil, Stanford University, USA

## ICM Panel Discussion #3

"The World Digital Mathematics Library" (WDML)

Wednesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30pm, Room 402

A presentation and discussion of the World Digital Mathematics Library, covering recent initiatives funded by the Sloan Foundation, including a workshop at the National Academy of Sciences in 2012, a Report issued by the National Research Council in March, 2014, and future prospects.

Moderator:	Peter Olver, University of Minnesota, USA
Panelists:	Ingrid Daubechies, Duke University, USA
	Thierry Bouche, Institut Fourier, France
	Gert-Martin Greuel, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany
	Rajeeva L. Karandikar, Chennai Mathematical Institute, India
	June Zhang, Peking University, China

# Publishing

- ICM2014 Panel discussion: The Future of Mathematical Publishing
- Journal blog (2011-12) IMU-ICIAM
  - Moderators: Doug Arnold (ICIAM), Carol Hutchins (IMU), Nalini Joshi (ICIAM), Peter Olver (IMU, Chair), Fabrice Planchon (IMU), Tao Tang (ICIAM), Ming-Chih Lai (ICIAM)
- Best Current Practices for Journals (EC, 2010)
  - Notices of American Math Society
- ICM2010 Round Table: The Use of Metrics in Evaluating Research

#### World Digital Mathematics Library

- US National Academy of Sciences Symposium (2012)
  - The Future World Heritage Digital Mathematics Library: Plans and Prospects
  - Organized by CEIC
  - Funded by a \$73K grant from the Sloan Foundation
- US National Research Council Report (2014)
  - Developing a 21st Century Global Library for Mathematics Research
  - Authors include Ingrid Daubechies, Tim Cole, Peter Olver
  - Available on arXiv 1404.1905
- ICM2014 Panel Discussion
- Seoul DML Planning Meeting (2014)

#### Online education and MOOCs

- Barton, Arzarello, Toland ICMI Report on MOOCs (2013)
  CEIC executive summary
  - CEIC executive summary
- ICM2014 Panel Discussion on Mathematical Massive Open Online Courses (M-MOOCS)

#### Archiving and Secure Communication

- IMU Archiving Guidelines endorsed EC (2013)
- IMU web pages are now being archived on a weekly basis
- <u>Challenges:</u>
  - Archiving email and correspondence
  - Confidentiality (70 year embargo on Fields Medal Ctte)
  - Cataloguing of physical archives
  - Missing and damaged materials
- Secure communication system for sensitive email (Mathjobs)

# International Council for Science (ICSU)

• IMU is a member of the International Council for Science (ICSU)

ICSU's mission is to strengthen international science for the benefit of society. To do this, ICSU mobilizes the knowledge and resources of the international science community to:

- Identify and address major issues of importance to science and society.
- Facilitate interaction amongst scientists across all disciplines and from all countries.
- Promote the participation of all scientists—regardless of race, citizenship, language, political stance, or gender—in the international scientific endeavour.
- Provide independent, authoritative advice to stimulate constructive dialogue between the scientific community and governments, civil society, and the private sector.

# World Data System & ICSU

- CEIC joined ICSU's World Data System (WDS) as an Associate Member (2012)
  - Enable universal and equitable access to quality-assured scientific data, data services, products and information
  - Ensure long term data stewardship
  - Foster compliance to agreed-upon data standards and conventions
  - · Provide mechanisms to facilitate and improve access to data and data products

Web pages and News

- IMU-Net Newsletter
  - edited by Mireille Chaleyat-Maurel, Université Paris VI, France
  - six regular issues published on the IMU web site each year
  - special issues as necessary
  - Subscribe or access on IMU web site
- CEIC web pages
  - Redesigned, updated, and archived on IMU web site (2013)

# 7.2. ICMI overview

Presentation by F. Arzarello

#### *Mathematics Education in the International World of Mathematics* Special invited "section" at ICM's

- Teaching and history of mathematics (1900)
- Mathematics Education and Popularization of Mathematics ( $\geq 2002$ )
- Founding of ICMI at ICM-Roma, 1908
- Felix Klein, 1st President;
- International (6-year) study of secondary education in 18 countries.

IMU re-formed in 1952, with ICMI as a sub-commission

#### ICMEs,

• From ICME-1, Lyon, 1969 to ICME-13, Hamburg, Germany, 2016.

#### Organization & Governance of ICMI

- Executive Committee: President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary-General, five members-at-large, IMU representatives.
- The EC meets in person once a year.
- ICMI Members (92): The 70 member countries of IMU, 10 associate member countries, and 12 non-IMU affiliated countries.
- Each member country has an official representative to ICMI.
- Finances: Sources of Income
- IMU supports ICMI with an annual grant (approx. EURO 50,000) plus special project grants (e.g. for CANP workshops)
- Project grants from ICSU, UNESCO and other institutions for specific projects and activities (for CANP's, ICMI Studies etc.)
- Individuals and institutions contribute (≥50%) pro bono effort and financial support to ICMI activities

# *ICMI Budget 2010-2013*

in EURO	2010	2011	2012	2013
Budget available	103 077	195 458	311 265	261 356
Spending	27 761	44 248	162 796	73 521
		(CANP1)	(ICME + CANP2)	(CANP 3)

# Relations with IMU

• Representation:

- one IMU EC member serves as IMU liaison member in the ICMI EC (currently C. Praeger), plus ex officio members (IMU President and IMU Secretary);
- ICMI leadership is invited to IMU GA; and selected meetings of the IMU Leadership (e.g. EC meetings);
- Consultation with ICMI regarding the Mathematics Education and Popularization Section of the ICMs;
- ICMI is also collaborating with the CDC: ICMI appoints one member to the CDC (currently Angel Ruiz).
- Elections: The 2013-2016 ICMI EC is the second Executive elected by the ICMI General Assembly. The IMU President was a member of the ICMI EC nominating committee. The election process went very well.
- Collaboration: Administration (IMU Secretariat, Berlin), joint development activities, special projects (CANP, Klein Project, Pipeline Project).

# ICMI GA 2012 in Seoul

• Elections: The 2013-2016 ICMI EC is the second Executive elected by the ICMI General Assembly. The IMU President was a member of the ICMI EC nominating committee.

# Affiliated Study Groups

In chronological order of affiliation:

- HPM History and Pedagogy of Mathematics (1976)
- PME Psychology of Mathematics Education (1976)
- IOWME International Organization of Women and Mathematics Education (1987)
- WFNMC World Federation of National Mathematics Competitions (1994)
- MCG The International Group for Mathematical Creativity and Giftedness (2011)
- ICTMA Internationall Study Group for Mathematical Modeling and Applications (2003)
- CIAEM Inter-American Committee on Mathematics Education (2009)
- ERME European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (2010)
- CIEAEM International Commission for the Study and Improvement of Mathematics Teaching (2010)

MERGA Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia (2011)

#### Core Activities of ICMI

- 1. ICME Conferences
- 2. ICMI Regional Conferences
- 3. ICMI Studies
- 4. Development Activities
- 5. CANP initiatives
- 6. ICMI Awards
- 7. Klein Project

#### 1. International Congresses on Mathematical Education (ICMEs)

- ICME-12: Seoul, Korea, 8-15 July, 2012
  - 3600 Participants from 84 countries
  - Proceedings to be published in early 2015
  - ICME-13: Hamburg, Germany 24-31 July, 2016
- ICME-14: Bidding in process
  - final decision will be made by August 2015

# 2. ICMI Regional Conferences

*EARCOME:* China, 2005; Malaysia, 2007; Japan 2010; Thailand 2013; (Philippines 2015) *CIAEM:* Brazil, 2003; Mexico, 2007; Brazil 2011; (Mexico 2015) *EMF:* Tunisia, 2003; Canada, 2006; Marocco, 2009; Switzerland 2012; (Algeria 2015)

*AFRICME*: S. Africa, 2005; Kenya, 2007; Botswana, 2010; Lesotho, 2013 *EMeLP*: (just constituted): Portugal, 2015

# 3. ICMI Studies

- #17 Mathematics Education and Technology- Rethinking the Terrain (published in 2010)
- #18 Statistics Education in School Mathematics (published 2011)
- #19 Proof and Proving in Mathematics Education (published 2012)
- #20 Educational Interfaces between Mathematics and Industry (EIMI) (an ICMI-ICIAM-Study) (published 2013)
- #21 Mathematics Education & Language Diversity (to be published in 2015)
- #22 Task Design (to be published in 2015)
- #23 Primary Mathematics Study on Whole Numbers (IPC Meeting 2014 in Berlin, Study Conference in 2015 in Macao)
- #24 (Mathematics Curriculum)

# 4. Development Activities

# Solidarity Fund

- 10% of registration at ICMEs
- CDC Collaboration

• A member of ICMI EC in CDC

- Joint UNESCO Activities:
- "Experiencing Mathematics"
- Exhibition "Mathematics of Planet Earth"
- Capacity and Networking Project (CANP)

# 5. Capacity and Network Project

The purpose of the CANP project is to enhance mathematics education at all levels in developing countries and has been strongly supported by the IMU. Past and present projects include:

- CANP 1 (2011/2012): Sub-Saharan Africa (with participants from 5 countries in the region)
- CANP 2 (2012/2013): Latin America and the Caribbean 6 countries)
- CANP 3 (2013/2014): Southeast Asia (6 countries)
- CANP 4 (2014/2015): Eastern Africa (4 countries)
- CANP 5 (2016/2017): Andean Region (4 countries)

# 6. ICMI Awards

Launched in 2003: awarded every two years and presented at ICMEs

# Awardees 2011 and 2013:

Felix Klein Award: For lifetime achievement

- Alan H. Schoenfeld, USA, 2011
- Michèle Artigue, France, 2013

Hans Freudenthal Award: For a major program of research in mathematics education during the past decade

- Luis Radford, Canada, 2011
- Frederick Leung, China, 2013

In 2014 the ICMI EC launched a new award:

The ICMI Emma Castelnuovo Award: for Excellence in the Practice of Mathematics Education

# 7. Klein Project http://kleinproject.org

- Design Group has met six times.
- Klein meetings have been held in Portugal, Spain, UK, Brazil, USA, Germany, Sweden.
- Book design decided, authoring under way.
- Website with 23 vignettes, all in different languages: contributions sought.
- Considerable interest and excellent discussion between mathematicians, mathematics educators, and teachers.

Other projects

- DATABASE PROJECT
  - launched in 2011 has as its ultimate goal to build up a free access database of the mathematics curricula; http://www.mathunion.org/icmi/activities/database-project/introduction/
- COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND ARCHIVE

- ICMI Website: www.mathunion.org/icmi
- Newsletter (ICMI News) three times a year
- ICMI Facebook (2600 'friends' and 780 'likes')
- ICMI Archive (curator: B. Hodgson)

ICMI would like to thank IMU for its generous support and looks forward to continued cooperation and mutual progress. Ferdinando Arzarello (Italia) President of ICMI Abraham Arcavi (Israel) Secretary-General of ICMI

# 7.3. ICHM aspects and Joint Committee Guidelines

#### Presentation by C. Praeger

International Commission on the History of Mathematics (in charge of Cheryl E. Praeger)

# <u>ICHM</u> is a joint commission of two Scientific Unions (IMU):

- International Mathematical Union (IMU) and
- Division of the History of Science (DHS) of the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS).

<u>History</u>

- 1971 ICHM established by the DHS
- 1985 vote to approach IMU regarding "joint commission"
- 1987 Joint International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM) established -began in 1988

#### <u>Mission</u>

- encourage the study of the history of mathematics
- promote a high level of historically and mathematically sophisticated scholarship in the field, in particular through its official journal *Historia Mathematica*.

#### ICHM - only joint commission of IMU

- Because of its history, ICHM has no Guidelines/Terms of Reference
- Whereas ICMI, CDC, CEIC all have Terms of Reference
- 2012 DHS developing Guidelines for its (many) Commissions

IMU Executive Committee actions

- Developed Guidelines for Joint Commissions of IMU
- Ask IMU GA to endorse them [Resolution to be presented]
- Already approved by IMU EC and ICHM Executive Committee
- Already endorsed by DHS and the parent union IUHPS
- In progress: developing Terms of Reference for ICHM
  - Need to be approved by both IMU and DHS

# Draft Guidelines Document is in your papers [Item 7.3]:

GUIDELINES FOR JOINT COMMISSIONS OF THE International Mathematical Union (IMU)

endorsed by the IMU General Assembly on August 11, 2014

These are guidelines for the conduct of joint commissions of the IMU to facilitate their work. In the following a "Parent Union" refers to (each) Union associated with a Joint Commission.

*Governance of a Joint Commission of the IMU.* The structure of the *Board/Committee* of a Joint Commission of the IMU and its *Terms of Reference* will be determined by mutual agreement of all Parent Unions.

*Terms of office of Board/Committee members of Joint Commissions of the IMU.* An elected representative may hold an office for a maximum of two terms (8 years). In particular at the beginning of the term of a new Board/Committee of a Joint Commission, its membership must be communicated to the contact person (briefly Secretary from now on) of each Parent Union. The four year term of the Board/Committee begins on a date agreed by the Parent Unions, possibly at a meeting of the General Assembly of one of the Parent Unions. With the permission of the Parent Unions less stringent term limits can be determined for an elected representative who acts as the Joint Commission's treasurer or who is responsible for the website of the Joint Commission and its hosting.

Activity reports of a Joint Commission of the IMU. A Joint Commission of the IMU will submit a (common) annual activity report to the Secretary of each of its Parent Unions. A Joint Commission should also submit to the Secretary of IMU, in time for a meeting of the IMU General Assembly, a cumulative report covering the full period since the previous IMU General Assembly. (Other parent unions may also require such a cumulative report.) Submission of activity reports is necessary even if the Joint Commission has not requested/received a grant from the Parent Union. The Board/Committee members elected by and representing the IMU should report, in writing to the IMU Secretary, their agreement or otherwise with each activity report submitted to the IMU.

Annual financial report of a Joint Commission of the IMU. A Joint Commission of the IMU will submit an annual financial report to the Secretary of each of its Parent Unions. Submission of the financial report is necessary even if the Joint Commission has not requested/received a grant from the Parent Union. It will document clearly all expenditures and all grants received. All paperwork (bills, invoices, receipts, etc.) related to the financial management of the Joint Commission must be available in case of a possible financial review.

*Website of a Joint Commission of the IMU.* A Joint Commission should have a website reporting its most important activities (symposia, workshops, congresses, etc.) and a bibliography of publications emanating directly from the Joint Commission (edited works, special publications, proceedings, etc.). The website should be regularly updated (at least twice a year), and there should be a link to the IMU web site (and vice versa).

*Participation of a Joint Commission of the IMU in the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM).* A Joint Commission is expected to participate in the congresses of each of its Parent Unions. In particular, an IMU representative on the Board/Committee of a Joint Commission should be involved in the relevant panel of the ICM Program Committee to organise and promote an ICM activity relevant to the Joint Commission.

If these guidelines are not adhered to without a satisfactory reason then the IMU may withdraw from the joint commission agreement.

The IMU General Assembly explicitly permits the IMU Executive Committee (EC) to adjust and update this document if it appears necessary for clarification of particular items and advancement of the work done within the Joint Commission and in cooperation with other Unions. The EC is expected to report all changes made to the IMU General Assembly.

# **Proposed first Resolution:**

The General Assembly endorses the <u>Guidelines for Joint Commissions of the International</u> <u>Mathematical Union</u>. [Attachment for Item 7.3]

<u>The General Assembly approved the first Resolution announcing that the General</u> <u>Assembly endorses the "Guidelines for Joint Commissions of the International</u> <u>Mathematical Union".</u>

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Proposed second Resolution:**

The General Assembly permits the IMU Executive Committee to develop <u>**Terms of**</u> <u>**Reference**</u> for the International Commission on the History of Mathematics.

The General Assembly approved the second Resolution announcing that the General Assembly permits the IMU Executive Committee to develop "Terms of Reference" for the International Commission on the History of Mathematics.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# 7.4. Presentation of the GA, ICM Bidding, Handling Conflicts of Interest, Archiving, and IMU Membership Guidelines

Presentation by M. Grötschel

# • GA Guidelines

Guidelines for Meetings of the General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union (IMU) endorsed by the IMU Executive Committee on September 15, 2012 **<u>Request:</u>** Add a sentence (under Final statements) to the guidelines stating that the EC is entitled to update the GA Guidelines when necessary.

# • ICM Bidding Guidelines

Preparing a Bid to Host an International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) version of February 8, 2013

**<u>Request</u>**: Add a sentence to the guidelines stating that the EC is entitled to update the ICM Bidding Guidelines when necessary.

# • Guidelines for Handling Conflicts of Interest

International Mathematical Union (IMU) Guidelines for handling conflicts of interest in prize selection committees *July 9, 2014* 

**<u>Request</u>** of an addition: When the IMU president has a conflict of interest the EC shall designate a conflict moderator with extensive IMU experience.

# • Archiving Guidelines

IMU Archiving Guidelines Endorsed by the IMU Executive Committee on March 8, 2014

**<u>Request:</u>** Add a sentence to the guidelines stating that the EC is entitled to update the Archiving Guidelines when necessary.

# • IMU Membership Guidelines

International Mathematical Union (IMU): Information about IMU's Activities and the Application Process for IMU Membership and IMU Associate Membership July 2014

**<u>Request:</u>** Add a sentence to the guidelines stating that the EC is entitled to update the IMU Membership Guidelines when necessary.

<u>Suggestion from the floor</u> concerning the wording of the "<u>Requests</u>": Substitute the word "update" by the word "amend".

The General Assembly endorsed, in one round of voting, the GA Guidelines, the ICM Bidding Guidelines, the Guidelines for Handling Conflicts of Interest, the Archiving Guidelines, and the IMU Membership Guidelines. This endorsement includes the requested additions on the understanding that the wording is revised as suggested.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

7.5. IMU finances/dues

# 7.5.1. Presentation of the proposal on reserves

# Presentation by A.Mielke, IMU Treasurer

#### IMU finances / dues

#### Change from CHF to EUR for IMU's reference currency

- New Unit Contribution constant for 2015 to 2018
- Conversion rule

Unit contribution of 2014 (= 1737 CHF) is converted into € based on average exchange rate of CHF to €

for the period May 1, 2010 to May 1, 2014:

# 1 CHF = 0.8033 EUR corresponds to 1737 CHF = 1395 EUR

Development of unit contributions

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2018
CHF	1637	1670	1703	1737	_
EUR*	1284	1390	1389	1424	1395€

Development of currencies relative to EUR from

\* based on exchange rate of May 1 of each year





(http://www.oanda.com/currency/historical-rates/)

## IMU Budget Plan for 2015 to 2018

Constant annual dues for 2015 to 2018 (all figures are in € = Euro) Membership according to groups (as of June 30, 2014)

Group	Ι	II	III	IV	V	Assoc.	sum
# of members	35	9	8	9	10	10	81
# of unit contr.	1	2	4	8	12	_	
annual dues	1 395	2 790	5 580	11 160	16 740	_	
# of unit contr.	35	18	32	72	120	0	277

The expected General Income per year is 277 x 1395 = 386 415 €

Additional Special Income may arise from

- grants
- donations
- interest rates

but is less reliable, since it is dependent on external decisions

#### Planned Expenditures for 2015 – 2018

according to Budget Structure as decided in December 2011, with suggested changes All figures are in 1000 €

		percentage 2012-14	percentage 2015-18	general income	special income*
1.	Comm'issions / ittees	43%	45%	173 887	44 000
2.	ICM	22%	22%	85 011	10 000
3.	Union Administr.	20%	20%	77 283	
4.	Outreach	5%	6%	23 185	5 600
5.	Overhead	10%	7%	27 049	5 000

	sum	100%	100%	386 415	64 600
* fi	igures for special incom	me are estimated and	l depend on external	decisions	
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Some more detail

		percentage 2012-14	percentage 2015-18	general income	special income*
1.	Comm'issions / ittees	43%	45%	173 887	44 000
1.1	CDC	20%	20%	77 283	44 000
1.2	CEIC	5%	5%	19 321	
1.3	ICMI	15%	15%	57 962	
1.4	Ad hoc	3%	5%	19 321	
2.	ICM	22%	22%	85 011	10 000
2.1	Site Comm.	1%	1%	3 864	
2.2	Programm Comm.	2%	2%	7 728	
2.3	Prize Comm.	2%	2%	7 728	
2.4	ICM Support	5%	5%	19 321	
2.5	Travel Grants	7%	7%	27 049	10 000
2.6	ICM adm.&outreach	5%	5%	19 321	
3.	Union Administr.	20%	20%	77 283	
3.1	General Assembly	1%	1%	3 864	
3.2	President&Secretary	12%	12%	46 370	
3.3	Exec.Comm.	6%	6%	23 185	
3.4	Other	1%	1%	3 864	
4.	Outreach	5%	6%	23 185	5 600
4.1	ICSU	2%	2%	7 728	
4.2	Awards	0%	1%	3 864	
4.3	Web, Media	2%	2%	7 728	
4.4	Other	1%	1%	3 864	5 600
5.	Overhead	10%	7%	27 049	5 000
5.1	Office	1%	1%	3 824	1 600
5.2	Bank Charges	1%	1%	3 824	1 000
5.3	Leg.adv.&Audits	4%	2%	7 727	1 600
5.4	Other	4%	3%	11 592	800
	sum	100%	100%	386 415	64 600

Com	parison to previous	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	%
year	S	Act.	actual	actual	actual	suggested	
1.	Comm.	32+87	33+137	63+172	77+152	44+174	45
1.1	CDC	32+47	33+91	33+75	47+55	44+77	20
1.2	CEIC	6	1	2	7	19	5
1.3	ICMI	35	45	30+95	70	58	15
1.4	Ad hoc	0	0	0	30+18	19	5
2.	ICM	36+86	8	5	34	13+85	22
2.1	Site C.	0	0	0	6	4	1
2.2	Progr.C.	0	7	65	11	8	2
2.3	Prize C:	11	1	0	17	8	2
2.4	ICM sup.	20	0	0	0	19	5
2.5	Trav.Gr.	36+37	0	0	0	13+27	7
2.6	Adm.Outr	18	0	0	0	19	5
3.	IMU adm	9+35	18	3	17	77	20
3.1	GA	9	0	0	0	4	1
3.2	Pres&Secr	9+8	3	3	14	46	12
3.3	EC	16	11	0	2	23	6
3.4	Other	2	3	9	1	4	1
4.	Outreach	18+15	12+9	12+10	16	6+23	6
4.1	ICSU	7	7	10	10	8	2
4.2	Awards	11+0	12+0	12+0	6	4	1
4.3	Web, Media	6+8	0	0	0	8	2
4.4	Other	1+0	2	0	0	6+4	1
5.	Overhead	10+0	9+6	9+2	5+20	5+27	7
	sum	329	249	286	322	451	100

# Development of IMU finances up to 2013

year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015
Balance start of year	538	542	749	987	1.155	
Total income	339	455	477	461	495	451
Special+general	71+268	164+291	126+350	93+367	117+378	65+386
Expenditure	-326	-329	-249	-286	-322	
Gains/losses	17	128	246	183	173	
Balance end of year	555	670	995	1.170	1.328	

Dues in arrears	42	25	80	119	122				
Total balance	597	695	1.075	1.263	1.450				
,	This balance includes the following reserves								
bound (CDC, ICMI, MENAO) 73 169 207 468									
free	193	288	519	656	553				

# **Proposed Resolution**

To take into account the distribution of IMU activities over its four-year cycle, the General Assembly agrees that the annual surplus reported in an income and expenditure statement be allocated to the reserves and be accumulated up to a total amount of four times the annual membership fees.

# German version:

Aufgrund des vierjährigen Zyklus der IMU-Aktivitäten befürwortet die General Assembly der IMU, dass die jährlichen Überschüsse, die sich aus den Jahresbilanzen ergeben, als Rücklagen verbucht und bis zum Vierfachen der jährlichen Mitgliedsbeiträge akkumuliert werden.

# <u>The General Assembly approved the Proposed Resolution including its German version</u> <u>on IMU reserves.</u>

# *VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS*

	Countries in arrears								
Country	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	CHF	EUR	
Algeria				1.531		1.737	3.268	2.687,30	
Argentina						5.501	5.501	4.493,59	
Armenia						1.737	1.737	1.416,84	
Australia						4.053	4.053	3.319,03	
Belgium						6.948	6.948	5.667,35	
Bosnia & Herzegovina			1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	6.747	5.510,40	
Bulgaria			1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	6.747	5.510,40	
Cameroon		1.605	1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	8.352	6.591,22	
China, CMS Beijing						12.506	12.506	10.201,20	
China, Math Soc. Taipei						8.338	8.338	6.800,82	
Cuba		1.605	1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	8.352	6.591,22	
Ecuador						1.013	1.013	829,55	
Egypt				3.340		3.474	6.814	5.577,38	
France						20.844	20.844	17.002,00	
Greece				1.670	1.703		3.373	2.782,27	
India						13.896	13.896	11.334,70	
Iran					6.812	9.843	16.655	13.688,62	
Kazakhstan				1.670		1.737	3.407	2.788,69	
Latvia				1.670	1.703		3.373	2.782,27	
Mexico						2.027	2.027	1.659,92	
Montenegro		535	1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	7.282	5.924,44	
Peru	717	1.605	1.637	1.670	1.703	1.737	9.069	7.068,65	
Philippines						1.737	1.737	1.416,84	
Portugal						3.474	3.474	2.833,67	
Russia						20.844	20.844	17.002,00	
Saudi Arabia				1.670	1.703	1.737	5.110	4.199,11	
Serbia						1.737	1.737	1.416,84	
Slovakia					3.406		3.406	2.820,84	
Spain				13.360	13.624	13.896	40.880	33.592,90	
Ukraine						3.474	3.474	2.833,67	
Venezuela				1.670	1.703	1.737	5.110	4.199,11	
Total							<u>246.074</u>	<u>200.542,82</u>	

# Grant of Discharge for EC and Treasurer

legal "discharge":

CZ+P absolutorium; D Entlastung, F+N decharge; ES aprobacion; IT discarico, S ansvarsfrihet

• If the governing body of a German association (here: GA of IMU) asks a committee to perform some activities, it should regularly approve the committee's actions of the previous year(s).

European Parliament: This is technically called granting a discharge.

- to grant a discharge means to "formally approve the previous actions" and, thus, to "relieve the actors from their responsibilities"
- granting discharge doesn't apply in case of deception or concealment

# Suggestion for a Resolution on all <u>Future</u> GAs for the year N:

The General Assembly grants a discharge to the Executive Committee and the Treasurer for the years N-4 to N-1.

# 8. Nominating Committee

# 8.1. Introduction of the Nominating Committee, explanation of the nominating process

Presentation by R. Piene, Chair of the Nominating Committee

R.Piene presented the members of the IMU Nominating Committee (NC).

- Ragni Piene (chair)
- Ingrid Daubechies
- Michel Jambu
- Masaki Kashiwara
- Gaven Martin
- M.S. Raghunathan
- Joan Solà-Morales Rubió

R. Piene explained the process of the NC nomination and the work of the NC to put forward the slates.

# 8.2. Presentation of slates proposed by the Nominating Committee,

- 8.2.1. IMU President
- 8.2.2. IMU Secretary
- 8.2.3. IMU Vice Presidents and IMU EC Members-at-Large

# IMU Executive Committee (EC) slate

Persons nominated and selected	by the	Nominating	Committee	(NC)
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Person nominated	Position	<b>Country of residence</b>	Nominator(s)
Shigefumi MORI	IMU President	Japan	NC
Helge HOLDEN	IMU Secretary	Norway	AO, Norway
Alicia DICKENSTEIN	IMU Vice President	Argentina	NC
Vaughan JONES	IMU Vice President	New Zealand/US	NC
Benedict H. GROSS	EC Member-at-Large	US	NC
Stefan NEMIROVSKI	EC Member-at-Large	Russia	NC
Hyungju PARK	EC Member-at-Large	Korea	AO, Germany

Shige PENG	EC Member-at-Large	China	AO, China
Christiane ROUSSEAU	EC Member-at-Large	Canada	AO, Canada
Vasudevan SRINIVAS	EC Member-at-Large	India	Incumbent, AO India
John TOLAND	EC Member-at-Large	UK	Incumbent, AO UK
Wendelin WERNER	EC Member-at-Large	Switzerland	Incumbent, AO UK
	6 Members-at-Large to	be elected	

# 8.2.4. President, Secretaries and Members-at-Large of CDC

# Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) slate

Persons nominated and selected by the Nominating Committee (NC)

Person nominated	Position	<b>Country of residence</b>	Nominator(s)
Wandera OGANA	CDC President	Kenya	NC
C. Herbert CLEMENS	CDC Secr. Policy	US	Incumbent, NC
Kesavan SRINIVASAN	CDC Secr. Grants	India	Incumbent, AO India
Jacek BANASIAK	CDC, African Member	South Africa	NC
Mama FOUPOUAGNIGNI	CDC, African Member	Cameroon	NC
Hoang Xuan PHU	CDC, Asian Member	Vietnam	Incumbent, NC
Polly SY	CDC, Asian Member	Philippines	NC
Alf ONSHUUS	CDC, Latin Am. Member	Colombia	NC
Rubi RODRIGUEZ	CDC, Latin Am. Member	Chile	AO, Chile
1 Acian 1	African and 1 I atin Ame	vrican Mambar to be a	lected

1 Asian, 1 African and 1 Latin American Member to be elected

# 8.2.5. IMU Representatives to ICHM

International Commission for the History of Mathematics (ICHM) slate

Persons nominated and select	cted by the	Nominating Committee	(NC)
Person nominated	Position	<b>Country of residence</b>	Nominator(s)
David BELLHOUSE	ICHM	Canada	AO, Canada
Ciro CILIBERTO	ICHM	Italy	NC
Shrikrishna G. DANI	ICHM	India	NC
Norbert SCHAPPACHER	ICHM	France	NC
2 ICHN	<b>M</b> Represe	ntatives to be elected	

Persons nominated but not selected

IMU Secretary	France	AO, UK; withdrawn
IMU VP & EC Member-		
at-Large	Israel	AO, Israel
		AO, Finland,
EC Member-at-Large	Finland	Denmark, Sweden
EC Member-at-Large	Japan	AO, Japan
EC Member-at-Large	Russia	AO, UK
EC Member-at-Large	US	AO, US
EC Member-at-Large	Germany	AO, Germany
	IMU Secretary IMU VP & EC Member- at-Large EC Member-at-Large EC Member-at-Large EC Member-at-Large EC Member-at-Large EC Member-at-Large	IMU SecretaryFranceIMU VP & EC Member- at-LargeIsraelEC Member-at-LargeFinlandEC Member-at-LargeJapanEC Member-at-LargeRussiaEC Member-at-LargeUSEC Member-at-LargeGermany

Carlos CABRELLI	CDC, Latin Am. Member	Argentina	AO, Argentina
Olga Gil MEDRANO	CDC Member	Spain	AO, Spain
David MAKINDE	CDC, African Member	Nigeria/South Africa	AMU

# 8.3. Very brief presentations of the nominated persons present at the GA

# **IMU Executive Committee:**

Shigefumi MORI Helge HOLDEN Alicia DICKENSTEIN Hyungju PARK Shige PENG Christiane ROUSSEAU Vasudevan SRINIVAS John TOLAND Wendelin WERNER

# CDC:

Srinivasan KESAVAN Alf ONSHUUS

# ICHM: Ciro CILIBERTO

#### 8.4. Nominations from the floor

R. Piene explained to the GA the process of nomination from the floor.

8.5. Changes of the timeline of the nomination process (item 4. of the Procedures for the Election ...)

Presentation by I. Daubechies

#### Earlier Nomination: President and Secretary

At present:

Nominating Committee established in ICM year -1 All slates determined in Spring of ICM year

- In order to ensure continuity, it would be good for President-nominee and Secretarynominee to attend the EC meeting in Spring ICM year.
- For this to be possible, it would be necessary for the Nominating Committee to reach an earlier decision on who to nominate for President and Secretary.

**Proposal** (change of the Procedures for Election...):

- Establish Nominating Committee in ICM year 2
- Have Nominating Committee propose names for President and Secretary by Spring of ICM year -1
- Communicate to AOs and give opportunity for comments, objections

- If no objections, invite President-nominee and Secretary-nominee to EC meeting in Spring of ICM year, as observers
- Other activities of Nominating Committee would be as before.

# <u>The General Assembly approved the Proposal to change the Procedures for Election</u> with respect to the timeline of the nomination process.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = 125, *AGAINST* = 0, *ABSTENTIONS* = 2

# 9. Office Committee report and discussion

Presentation by J. Toland

At the IMU GA in Bangalore 2012

# **Weierstraß-Institut für Angewandte Analysis und Stochastik** (WIAS) which is a **Leibniz Institut im Forschungsverbund Berlin e.V.** (FVB) with support from **Federal Republic of Germany and the Land Berlin** successfully bid to host the stable secretariat of IMU.

The Project is driven by the shared goal of WIAS and IMU to improve mathematical research internationally and for IMU a stable secretariat strengthens the efficiency of its administration. The agreement was that WIAS, financed by the Land Berlin and the German Federal Republic, would support IMU to maintain a stable secretariat in Berlin

# After the 2010 IMU GA in Bangalore

A **Memorandum of Understanding** between IMU and the WIAS was signed. Once the office had been running for about 18 months an **IMU Office Committee** visited Berlin in 2012 to monitor how it was functioning in support of IMU activities and to report to the IMU EC and GA.

Then a detailed **Cooperation Agreement (Kooperationsvertrag)** specifying the relationship between IMU and the WIAS was drawn up.

#### This is a report on those developments.

#### Memorandum of Understanding

"The Secretariat will facilitate the activities of the IMU and support its committees and officers by providing it with a stable legal, administrative and financial structure. ..."

- Promote international cooperation in mathematics
- ICM And other international scientific events
- Contribute to the development of mathematical science in any of its aspects, pure, applied, or educational

All activities coordinated by the Head of the IMU Secretariat and the IMU Secretary.

#### IMU Office Committee 2012

Bernard Hodgson (Canada), General Secretary (2003-9) of International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI)

Ragni Piene (Norway), Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), IMU EC 2003-2010, Permanent Office Selection Committee

John Toland (UK), IMU EC Member, Director: Isaac Newton Institute in Cambridge UK Wendelin Werner (Switzerland), Fields Medal 2008; IMU EC Member

IMU Secretariat under German law

The Berlin Office of IMU began work in February 2011 in elegant offices

# Markgrafenstr. 32, 10117 Berlin.

Legally the IMU Secretariat is part of the WIAS administration operating under its accounting system and participating in executive meetings of WIAS.

- Two distinct organizations and managements
- IMU with its own policies priorities and budgets
- IMU Secretariat and its budget as part of WIAS.

#### IMU Secretariat Supports

- IMU Executive Committee and Officers
- IMU General Assembly
- Communication with Adhering Organisations and membership countries
- International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM)
- IMU website, bulletins, newsletter
- IMU finance, managing financial and legal aspects
- International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI)
- Commission on Developing Countries (CDC)
- Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC)
- International Commission for the History of Mathematics

# IMU Berlin Personnel in 2012

- A. Mielke, Head of Secretariat
- S. Markwardt, IMU Administrator
- L. Koch, CDC & ICMI
- A.Orlowsky, Finance
- B.Seeliger, IMU Archives
- G. Telschow, IT and Web

#### *Head of IMU Secretariat (Alexander Mielke)*

- Always a mathematician at WIAS who will be the interface between IMU and WIAS
- Scientific Contact person in Berlin for IMU
- Regular reports to Office Committee, Executive Committee, GA
  - Organizes IMU Secretariat according to IMU needs
  - Currently IMU Treasurer (which is quite convenient)
- Heading IMU Secretariat as sub-unit of WIAS
- · Official supervisor of members of IMU Secretariat
- Responsible for WIAS-IMU budget

#### *IMU Administrator (Sylwia Markwardt)*

- Support of IMU Executive Committee
  - Personal Assistant to IMU Secretary and IMU President, preparation of materials and of travel documents
  - Administrative support of Executive Committee, preparation of annual meetings of the Executive Committee
  - Preparation of General Assembly of IMU (members, delegates, agenda, ballots, etc)
  - Support for the organization of the ICM and other IMU conferences
  - Production of IMU Bulletins and annual reports
  - · Examination of annual reports and budgets of IMU commissions and committees
  - Monitoring of compliance with IMU deadline in 4-year cycle, maintaining the membership data and mailing lists
  - Preparation of IMU texts such as guide lines, statutes, etc
  - Managing and monitoring the IMU website
- Management and coordination of IMU Secretariat
  - Supervision of work for the archive and IT
  - Supervision for IMU-WIAS finances and preparation of budget
  - Representation of IMU Secretariat's interest in WIAS management
  - Usage, furnishing, maintenance, and interior design of the rooms
  - Reporting to WIAS on IMU Secretariat (in the Annual Research Report of WIAS)
  - Preparation of travels of the members of the IMU Secretariat

# IMU Finance and Accounting

- Budget monitoring and financial management of IMU funds (contributions from member countries)
  - Banking and cash management for IMU, CDC, and ICMI
  - Issuing invoices/reimbursements
  - Liaising with auditor
- Accounting for all official travel of IMU Secretariat, employees and guest
- Implementation of budget monitoring and financial management of the IMU-WIAS budget funds (joint Grant of Federal Government of Germany and State of Berlin)
  - Financial accounting
  - Budget and medium-term financial planning
  - Implementation of monthly and year-end reporting
- Implementation of controlling
  - Editing master data of cost and management
- Purchase of furniture, IT, office supplies and services for the IMU Secretariat

# Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

- Administration, liaising, and support of all activities
- Communication, meetings and follow up with the Commission
- CDC Grant Programs
- Volunteer Lecturer Program (VLP)
- CDC Library Assistant Scheme
- CDC budget and finance
- Networking: Liaising with cooperation partners and affiliated members (e.g., CIMPA, AMS)
- Communication and PR
  - Editing of the CDC website and CDC circulars
  - New CDC printed materials
- Projects
  - Development of a new CDC website and online database
- The MENAO 2014 in Gyeongju is currently a big undertaking

# International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI)

- Administration and support of all activities of the ICMI
  - Executive Committee
  - ICMI meetings (EC, ICMI GA, Regional Conferences)
- Budgets and Finances Administration and management
- Communication and PR
  - ICMI Facebook page and the ICMI website
  - Press releases (e.g., ICMI Studies, ICME -12, CANP, etc.)
  - Development of ICMI publications and printed material
- ICMI Representatives: Regular communication and distribution of information
- Fundraising and Development: Successful application for ICSU Grant for CANP (EURO 30,000)
- · Project Support, CANP/ICMI Studies launches / Pipeline and Database Project / Klein Project
- Networking: Liaising with cooperating partners and affiliated members

# IMU Archive

Reflect the history of the IMU in all its facets: organization, business, activities, and appearance

- Transfer of the IMU Archive from Helsinki to Berlin
- Archive hardware and software equipment
- IMU Archive opening a workshop
- ECM Krakow IMU booth
- Archiving materials, accession, and recording
- Drafting archive guidelines
- Digitization of paper archive documents
- Hybrid picture archive
- Discussion on e-mail archiving and database solution
- Digital long-term storage
- Legal aspects of digital photo archiving

# IMU IT Services

- Basic services (e.g., nameservices, fileservices)
- Internet, mail, blog, analytics, www (typo3)
- Security (fire-walling, virus-scanner, spam-filter, back-up)
- Client support (about 200 clients, Linux, Windows, MacOS, ThinClients)
- Computer services (cluster, sms, GPU server)
- Databases (db)
- Video Conference System
- Archiving electronic documents of IMU and its commissions
- Websites' development

# IMU Media

- New IMU, ICMI, and CDC Materials
- New CDC website and Database
- Social Media: ICMI and IMU on Facebook

# The Berlin Office

- Sufficient space: 370 sqm
- Fully equipped, in use
- Up-to-date IT facilities
- Full back-up for all positions by permanent WIAS staff
- Financed by special grant of German government (appr. 0.5 Mio € per year)

# Office Committee Conclusions

- The workload is high but efficiently and conscientiously done
- IMU staff are very highly motivated, professional and well led, working is a positive atmosphere with strong team-spirit
- The distinction between IMU and WIAS is clear and works well
- IMU secretariat and WIAS administration are independent units that in constant touch and mutually supportive
- The relation of IMU secretariat staff to WIAS has many positive aspects including
  - Salary scheme is clear and payroll is done by WIAS
  - Large IT structure is available if needed for advice or in emergencies
  - Access to training facilities, such as English lessons

#### Benefits to IMU of a Stable Office

- The benefits of these modern efficient office facilities and highly motivated professional staff at no cost to IMU cannot be exaggerated
- They have already transformed the work of the IMU Executive Committee Commissions and Committees

#### IMU Secretariat: the Future

- The workload in Berlin is already very high because of ICM 2014 and the Commissions' activities, such as MENAO.
- In normal times the IMU EC must manage expectations of committees and commissions to ensure that workloads are managed for the sake of the staff and of the relationship with WIAS whose budget supports the IMU Secretariat.
- There will soon be an IMU Secretary not based in Berlin and a new President.
- Everyone will have to adjust to working in different time zones and adapting new practices to accommodate the new Officers.
- The IMU Office Committee was confident that this would be managed successfully by the highly professional secretariat.

# 10. Presentation of the Election Committee's proposals and Elections

The Chair of the Election Committee R. Piene reported that there was one nomination from the floor: Günter Ziegler for EC Member-at-Large. The nomination was according to the rules, Ziegler's name was included in the slate.

R. Piene commented on the selection of candidates for the EC slate (nominees from Russia, Germany).

# 10.1. Executive Committee (EC) of IMU

IMU Executive Committee (EC) slate

IMU President	Shigefumi MORI	Japan
IMU Secretary	Helge HOLDEN	Norway
IMU Vice President	Alicia DICKENSTEIN	Argentina
IMU Vice President	Vaughan JONES	New Zealand/US
EC Member-at-Large	Benedict H. GROSS	US
EC Member-at-Large	Stefan NEMIROVSKI	Russia
EC Member-at-Large	Hyungju PARK	Korea
EC Member-at-Large	Shige PENG	China
EC Member-at-Large	Christiane ROUSSEAU	Canada
EC Member-at-Large	Vasudevan SRINIVAS	India
EC Member-at-Large	John TOLAND	UK
EC Member-at-Large	Wendelin WERNER	Switzerland
EC Member-at-Large	Günter Ziegler	Germany
	6 Members-at-Large to be elec	ted

# 10.2. Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) slate

CDC President	Wandera OGANA	Kenya
CDC Secr. Policy	C. Herbert CLEMENS	US
CDC Secr. Grants	Kesavan SRINIVASAN	India
CDC, African Member	Jacek BANASIAK	South Africa
CDC, African Member	Mama FOUPOUAGNIGNI	Cameroon
CDC, Asian Member	Hoang Xuan PHU	Vietnam
CDC, Asian Member	Polly SY	Philippines
CDC, Latin Am. Member	Alf ONSHUUS	Colombia
CDC, Latin Am. Member	Rubi RODRIGUEZ	Chile
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1 Asian, 1 African and 1 Latin American Member to be elected

# 10.3. International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM)

International Commission for the History of Mathematics (ICHM) slate

ICHM	David BELLHOUSE	Canada
ICHM	Ciro CILIBERTO	Italy
ICHM	Shrikrishna G. DANI	India

# ICHM Norbert SCHAPPACHER France 2 ICHM Representatives to be elected

# 10.4. Election of the 2015-2018 EC, CDC, and ICHM officers

The Chair of the Election Committee explained to the GA the voting process and the voting slip.

Günter Ziegler, nomination from the floor, gives a brief presentation of himself.

Motion proposal:

Numerical results of the balloting for the different IMU committees will be provided (but not published on the Web) at <u>THIS</u> GA meeting when the election results are announced.

<u>The General Assembly decided that the numerical results of the balloting for the</u> <u>different IMU committees will provided THIS time at the GA meeting when the election</u> <u>results are announced, but they will not be published on the Web.</u>

*VOTE (by show of hands): IN FAVOR = majority* 

# 11. Finance and Dues Committee

Presentation by N. Joshi

# IMU General Assembly

Finance and Dues Committee

Nalini Joshi (Australia), Piermarco Cannarsa (Italy), Jungkai Chen (Taiwan), Victor H. Cortes (Chile), Abubakir Dzhuraev (Kyrgyzstan), Simone Gutt (Belgium)

# Duties

- Review the proposed 2015-2018 budget
- Make recommendations to the General Asse concerning dues unit increase
- Make recommendation to the General Assembly concerning action to be taken regarding dues in arrears

# Statutes

- Par 32 "Any Adhering Organisation which is in arrears for four years shall cease to be an adherent of the Union. In any case, before taking action, the Executive Committee shall submit the question to the Members of the Union by postal ballot or at a meeting of the General Assembly who under special circumstances may waive these provisions by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes assigned to the Members."
- Par 10 "A country that has previously been a Member of the Union is not eligible to apply for Associate Membership."
- Par 6 "When an application is made for membership in the Union, the Executive Committee shall examine the application and shall make a recommendation thereon to the Members of the Union."

# Members in Arrears

• Alternatives explored: (i) downgrading membership (ii) suspending membership status and waiting for 2 more years (iii) treatment for special cases.

- (i) Imposing a downgrade of membership requires a change of statutes and is not effective for uncommunicative members. (ii) After 2 years, the country loses voting rights but is still required to pay full fees. This is a severe requirement. (iii) Special cases cause problems with equitable treatment for all members.
- After a loss of membership, a country can reapply for full membership. This gives the opportunity to negotiate the debt and provides a "fresh start".

# **Recommendations**

- 1. We recommend the 2015-2018 budget proposed by the Treasurer to the General Assembly.
- 2. The unit base membership fee remains the same: it is converted from CHF to Euro based on the average exchange rate over 4 years. We endorse the proposed unit membership fee.
- 3. We recommend that the General Assembly follow the statute and terminate the membership of countries which are in arrears for more than 4 years.

The recommendations of the Finance and Dues Committee were discussed by the General Assembly, it was decided that Recommendations 1. and 2. had to be voted on by paper ballot. It was agreed that Recommendation 3. that was just affirming the Statutes did not need a vote.

# 12. Balloting on 10. and 11. (written)

The GA delegates proceeded to voting according to item 10 (IMU EC, CDC, ICHM) and item 11 (Finance and Dues Committee recommendations).

# 13. ICM 2014

# 13.1. Report of the ICM 2014 Program Committee

Presentation by C.Kenig

#### Introduction

I am Carlos Kenig, from the University of Chicago, in the USA. I had the privilege of chairing the Program Committee for ICM 2014, at the request of the IMU president, Ingrid Daubechies. The Program Committee (PC) is responsible for the preparation of the scientific program of the ICM.

Our PC had 12 members, from 10 countries. The members of the PC were appointed by the Executive Committee of the IMU.

#### Main Tasks of the PC

The first main task of the PC was to determine the structure of the sections for ICM2014 and the selection of chairs and core members for the Sectional Panels.

There are 19 sections in ICM2014. The task of the Sectional Panels was to make nominations for sectional speakers and suggestions for plenary speakers to the PC.

The second main task for the PC was the selection of the speakers for ICM2014. In the case of the Sectional Speakers, the PC followed closely the Sectional Panels' nominations, while the selection of plenary speakers was entirely done by the PC, taking into account the suggestions from the Sectional Panels and the many nominations and suggestions received from individuals, mathematical societies and other groups.

#### Gender and Geographic Balance

An important factor in the selection of speakers was the desire to strive for gender and geographical balance, without compromising mathematical quality.

In connection with this, the PC decided that we should strive for gender and geographical balance among speakers as a whole, but not necessarily per each individual section.

# Nominations for Speakers

Since the beginning of the work of the PC, being the only publicly known member of the PC, I received a large number of nominations for sectional and plenary speakers, from many different sources. I forwarded all such suggestions to the chairs of the relevant panels, for their consideration.

I also consulted electronically and by telephone a large number of experts in different fields of mathematics and on mathematics in developing countries, to develop further input into the final selection of speakers.

#### Intersectional Speakers

One of the innovations implemented by the PC, stemming from its desire to increase the amount of interactions between sections, was the following scheme: each section was given a guaranteed minimum number of lecture slots (slots) and a maximum number of slots. Priority for increasing the number of slots was given by the PC to sections that had "intersectional "speakers. In counting slots, we only counted, for a given section, "intersectional" speakers as fractions.

For instance, if a speaker was invited to speak jointly in, say, Section 2, Algebra and Section 6, Topology, each section was charged ½ a slot for this speaker. We even had cases of 3 sections having joint speakers, in which case each section was charged 1/3 of a slot. We believe that this system worked out very well. An interesting trend that we observed is the significant number of joint invited lectures, ie lectures shared by two or more speakers.

# Adding Speakers

Another noteworthy development was that, after sending the PC's list of sectional and plenary speakers to the Organizing Committee, there were a couple of remarkable mathematical developments, before August 2013, to which the PC reacted by asking the OC to make additional invitations of speakers. This also seems to have worked well. The final list of invitees was posted by the OC on the website of ICM2014 on September 1, 2013.

#### Section 17

In Section 17, Mathematics in Science and Technology, in order to deal with the great heterogeneity of the section, and following the example set in ICM2006 and ICM2010, the PC chose ahead of time two complementary topics of focus. They are Imaging Science and Material Science.

#### Sections 18 and 19

In Section 18, Mathematics Education and Popularization of Mathematics, there will be three panels: "How should we teach better?", "Mathematics is everywhere" and "The risks of assessment in mathematical education". For selecting panel members for Section 18, the PC relied on the help of the Secretary General of ICMI (International Commission on Mathematical Instruction). For selecting panel members for Section 19, History of Mathematics, the PC relied on the help of the executive committee of ICHM (International Commission on the History of Mathematics).

#### Final Selections

The process that I have just summarized resulted in the selection of 21 plenary speakers and 181 sectional speakers from 28 countries, as well as 3 panel discussions.

# Thanks to the EC, IMU and OC

The PC was entrusted with a great responsibility in preparing the scientific program for ICM2014. In this long and difficult task we were very fortunate to count with the strong support of the EC and the president of the IMU, Ingrid Daubechies, as well as of the Organizing Committee and its chair, Hyungju Park.

#### Thanks to the Mathematical Community

We were also very fortunate to have the unconditional support of the whole mathematical community. Hundreds of mathematicians from all over the world generously gave of their time to help us in this effort. Whenever I requested a colleague's help, it was given without reservation or delay. This I believe is a reflection of the high value that the international mathematical community places on the ICM and of the great generosity of our community.

# 13.2. Report of the ICM-EOC

# Presentation by H. Park

# See Appendix 13-2

# 14. Affiliate IMU Members and IMU related Organizations

# 14.1. ICSU

# Presentation by J. Ball

# The International Council for Science in brief

- Founded in 1931
- 120 National Members, 31 International Scientific Unions (including IMU)
- Secretariat (20 staff) in Paris
- Regional offices for Africa (Pretoria), Asia and Pacific (Kuala Lumpur), Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City)

# A confusing acronym: ICSU

International <u>C</u>ouncil of <u>S</u>cientific <u>U</u>nions: 1998  $\rightarrow$  International Council for Science

What does the International Council for Science do?

- Represents and speaks for science internationally (e.g. at Rio +20)
- · Catalyzes major international science programmes
  - · International Geophysical year 1957-1958
  - · International Polar Year 2007-2008
  - · International Research on Disaster Risk 2009 -
  - Future Earth 2013 –
  - · Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment 2013 –
- Acts as an international forum for the discussion of topics of global scientific importance, e.g. Open access and evaluation by metrics
- · Freedom and responsibility in science

#### Statute 5

The Principle of Universality (freedom and responsibility) of Science: the free and responsible practice of science is fundamental to scientific advancement and human and environmental wellbeing. Such practice, in all its aspects, requires freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information, and other resources for research. It requires responsibility at all levels to carry out and communicate scientific work with integrity, respect, fairness, trustworthiness, and transparency, recognising its benefits and possible harms.

In advocating the free and responsible practice of science, ICSU promotes equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposes discrimination based on such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

#### Structure

- Executive Board (14 officers and members, current President Yuan Tseh Lee, incoming President Gordon McBean)
- Committee on Scientific Planning and Review (CSPR)
- Committee on Finance (CF)
- Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science (CFRS)
- 17 interdisciplinary bodies (COSPAR, CODATA, WDS, INASP ... )

# Future Earth: research for global sustainability

10 year programme to provide the knowledge required for societies in the world to face risks posed by global environmental change and to seize opportunities in a transition to global sustainability.

Report on Open Access and Evaluation by Metrics

Issues discussed from the perspective of all subject areas and countries. Gold v. Green.

New scientific environment: not just scientific articles, but datasets, software, code, blogs, wikis, forums ...

Concerns about inappropriate use of metrics in evaluation (e.g. of individuals), what metrics do and don't recognize, and the influence of journal impact factors on maintaining high journal prices.

# *Open access and evaluation by metrics* Goals for open access.

The scientific record should be:

- free of financial barriers for any researcher to contribute to
- free of financial barriers for any user to access immediately on publication
- made available without restriction on reuse for any purpose, subject to proper attribution
- quality-assured and published in a timely manner
- archived and made available in perpetuity.

Recommends endorsement of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) and the OECD Principles and Guidelines for Access to Research Data from Public Funding.

# ICSU General Assembly September 2014, Auckland, New Zealand

Will discuss all these issues, plus the recommendations of the 2013-2014 external review.

The review wants ICSU to be the international voice for science, and draws attention to various related problems, e.g. relations with the Inter Academy Partnership (IAP), Inter Academy Council (IAC) and World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), lack of visibility and media presence, lack of funds ...

#### What can IMU do?

- Get mathematicians elected to posts on the important committees (Daya Reddy, Manuel de Leon up for election in Auckland)
- Get mathematicians involved with the major programmes
- Network with the other scientific unions

# 14.2. ICSU-IMU relations (e.g., ROLAC, ROAP, ROA)

Presentation by M. de León

#### IMU and ICSU

- The first steps towards the formation of the IMU were taken in 1919 in Brussels at the Constitutive Assembly of the International Research Council (IRC)
- The IRC was disbanded in 1931 and replaced by the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), today called International Council for Science.
- The Constitutive Convention in 1950 in New York created IMU de facto. By the Statutes adopted there, IMU came into being in 1951 de jure, and in 1952 the General Assembly inaugurated the activities of the new Union, elected its first President and Executive Committee and was readmitted to ICSU.
- IMU is currently an active member of ICSU.

# ICSU General Assembly Rome 2011

- 1. IMU delegation: C. Rousseau, M. Grötschel, M. de León, S. Markwardt
- 2. Nominations to the ICSU Executive.
- Mary Wheeler was joint IMU-IUTAM nomination for Officer of the ICSU Executive Board, Vice-President for Scientific Planing and Review. She was not elected
- André D. Bandrauk was joint IMU-IUPAP nomination for ordinary member of the ICSU EB. He was not elected.
- IMU has supported the UK nomination of John Ball for the ICSU EB Committee. John Ball was elected.

# SUGGESTION FROM IMU TO THE EXTERNAL REVIEW OF ICSU

#### Science Education

We propose the following additional Guideline for the ICSU External Review:

• To consider the role of ICSU in improving the global situation of Science Education with special emphasis on developing countries. The advance of research and innovation in science is dependent in a fundamental way on a strong educational base, not only to provide the next generation of scientists, but also to ensure that the population at large are aware of the importance of scientific activity, interested in the discoveries and creations of scientific research, and actively support its development at all levels. Therefore ICSU has a responsibility to engage in education at all levels, and to work with educators, government agencies, and its own community, especially in those areas where high quality education is yet to emerge.

We acknowledge the role of the existing Grant Programme in this role, and suggest that the Review consider effective extensions. One example we offer for consideration is the IMU-ICMI Capacity And Networking Project (CANP). The objectives of the CANP Project are as follows. CANP aims to strengthen mathematical education through fostering regional development and capacity building in mathematics education, forming self-sustainable networks of mathematicians, mathematics educators, teachers and curriculum developers, assuring better quality education and enhancing the mathematical and pedagogical potential of the region.

The CANP Project has received an important support from ICSU and UNESCO, as well as from the ICSU Regional Offices.

# • Capacity Building in Interdisciplinary Science

ICSU should continue to encourage capacity building in interdisciplinary science, especially in the domains of climate change and sustainability. The Grant Program is a good tool to serve this purpose.

# • Free Access to scientific literature

The access to scientific literature becomes more and more important in order to improve the scientific level of developing countries. ICSU could facilitate an exchange of ideas between different sciences, perhaps even with the humanities, which clearly have very different ideals and practices.

#### Outreach activities

A crucial issue is to educate people to be aware the importance of science for a sustainable world, so it is necessary to foster outreach activities, particularly addressed to children and young people.

#### • A proposal from IMU on the "Universality of science"

"Universality of science" has been used by ICSU as a short powerful slogan for outreach purposes. It is nice to have a striking slogan, but the present description of "Universality of Science" does not match with the definition of "Universality" as we find it in a dictionary. IMU proposes to include more substance in the definition of "Universality of Science", so that it serves two purposes:

I. to include some components of universality:

- 1. The universal right for a scientific education in schools, (for instance being taught the theory of evolution instead creationism),
- 2. The right for people in society to an access to scientific expertise in order to be appropriately informed on societal and planetary issues.
- 3. The fact that scientific truth is something that can be verified and is independent of cultural differences, etc.
- II. to include the former content which would be renamed "Principle of freedom and responsibility (or accountability) in science".

#### • Draft of a statement on "Universality of science" to be finished

1. There is a universally shared definition of scientific truth. Scientific truth can be verified, independently of cultural differences, etc.

2. The universality in science includes the universal right to a science education in schools, (for instance being taught the theory of evolution instead creationism).

The universality in science includes the right for people in society to an access to scientific knowledge and expertise in order to be appropriately informed on societal and planetary issues.
 The universality of science includes the principle of freedom of science which can be stated as follows: The practice of science requires freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information, and other resources for research.

5. The universality of science includes the principle of responsibility (or accountability) in science which can be stated: The practice of Science requires responsibility at all levels to carry out and communicate scientific work with integrity, respect, fairness, trustworthiness, and transparency, recognising its benefits and possible harms.

6. In advocating the free and responsible practice of science, ICSU promotes equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposes discrimination based on such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

# Nominations 2011-2012

- Steering Committee for Earth System Research for Sustainable Development
  - · J. Behrens from Hamburg, Germany
  - P. Silva Dias from Petropolis, Brazil
- Committee on Freedom and Responsibility
  - M. Waldschmidt (France)
- Programme on Urban Health and Wellbeing
  - · C. A. Donnelly, professor of statistical epidemiology at Imperial College, UK
- Nominations to the ICSU Executive
  - M. Wheeler was joint IMU-IUTAM nomination for Officer of the ICSU Executive Board, Vice-President for Scientific Planing and Review. She was not elected
  - A. D. Bandrauk was joint IMU-IUPAP nomination for ordinary member of the ICSU EB. He was not elected.
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# Nominations 2013-2014

- Scientific Committee of Future Earth
  - · J. Guckenheimer. Co-nomination with ICIAM.
- Nominations of external reviews of ICSU Regional Offices for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean:
  - · ROAP: F. Nemenzo, Institute of Mathematics, University of the Philippines, Philippines
  - · ROLAC: M. Viana, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
  - · ROA: O. D. Makinde, Director, IARMMC, South Africa.
  - World Climate Research Programme Joint Scientific Committee (WCRP-JSC)
  - E. Shuckburgh, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Rd, Cambridge, CB3 0ET, United Kingdom.

# ICSU Grants applications by IMU

- <u>Capacity and Network Project (CANP) Central America and the Caribbean</u>
- Requested amount: (€) 30,000 (Awarded: 30,000)
- Lead Applicant: International Mathematical Union
- Supporting Applicants: International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI)
- Mathematics of Climate Change, Related Natural Hazards and Risks
- Requested amount: € 30,000 (Awarded: 30,000).
- Lead Applicant: International Mathematical Union (IMU)
- Supporting Applicants: International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM), International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM), U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Academia Mexicana de Ciencias (AMC), World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR), ICSU Regional Office for Latin America & The Caribbean (ROLAC), Centro de Investigacion en Matematicas (CIMAT)
- East African Capacity and Network Project
- Requested amount: € 30,000 (Awarded: 30,000)
- Lead Applicant: International Mathematical Union (IMU)
- Supporting Applicants: ICSU Regional Office for Africa (ICSU ROA), Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), UNESCO, International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI), Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development East Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (AKU), African Academy of Sciences (AAS), International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM)
- Cultures of Mathematical Research Training
- Requested amount: € 29,800 (Awarded: 29,000)

- Lead Applicant: International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS)
- Supporting Applicants: International Mathematical Union and the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction should participate in the project as supporting applicants.

Relations with the ICSU regional offices, ROLAC

- Liaison person: Marcelo Viana, from Brazil
- ICMI CANP proposal: Capacity and Network Project (CANP) Central America and the Caribbean.
  - · CANP Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica, 6-17 August 2012.
  - · Attended by Manuel de León
  - The Mathematics Education Network of Central America and the Caribbean has been created.
- Workshop on "Climate Change, Related Hazards and Risks", Guanajuato (Mexico), July 29 -- August 2, 2013.
  - · IUTAM and IUGG
- Workshop on Future Earth ICSU ROLAC & International Scientific Unions in Latin America and the Caribbean, January 9th and 10th, 2014. Varadero, Cuba.
  - · Attended by Manuel de León (IMU)
  - Overall Objectives: To discuss opportunities for enhance interdisciplinary collaboration between the International Scientific Unions, and between Unions and ICSU ROLAC, particularly focused on developing the main topics of interest for our organizations. This meeting will provide a better joint effort and an important synergism between unions and ICSU ROLAC work programs. The main topics for discussions will be Future Earth, Regional Research Collaboration and any other topic of common interest proposed by the Unions. The discussions will be focused on developing concrete ideas, and implementing activities and actions to enhance interdisciplinary cooperation in these programs in our Region. The challenge of incorporating interdisciplinary activities, in different disciplines and scientific areas of the International Scientific Unions, needs more dynamic steps within the context of specific regional initiatives. Thus, ICSU ROLAC can more actively promote and support the activities of the International Scientific Unions in the LAC region

Relations with the ICSU regional offices, ROAP

- Liaison person: Yiming Long
- The announcements of ICM-2014 and IMU GA in August in Korea were announced in the website of ROAP.
- The successful nomination of Prof. Enhui YANG (fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada Research Chair in Information Theory and Multimedia Compression) of University of Waterloo in Canada to the CODATA (Committee on Data for Science and Technology) of ICSU, who was a member of the Review Panel for ICSU during 2012-2013.
- The successful nomination of Ms. June ZHANG of CALIS (China Academic Library and Information System) and Peking University to IMU-CEIC-WDML (World Digital Mathematical Library) panel, who is now a member of the panel.
- A report on the situation of women mathematicians in China was given by the vice-president of Chinese Mathematical Society, Prof. Xing LI by invitation of Yiming Long, based on which an Editorial of the IMU-Net newsletter was published.

Relations with the ICSU regional offices, ROA

- Liaison person: Fanja Rakotondrajao from Madagascar
- CANP4 East Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: September 1-12, 2014
  - The fourth Capacity and Network Project (CANP4 East Africa is planned to be held in September 1-12, 2014 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development East Africa.

Relations with other unions

- *Meeting of the International Scientific Unions of ICSU, 29-30 April 2013* Institut d'astrophysique de Paris IAP 98 bis, boulevard Arago, 75014 Paris
- Attended by Manuel de León

- These meetings are held half-way between two ICSU General Assemblies, so since one such meeting is held during an assembly, they are held approximately every eighteen months.

# • A previous meeting of the cluster unions

- A meeting of the cluster unions was held beforehand at the Marriott Hotel Rive Gauche Paris on April 28th. The meeting began at 16.00 and ended at 19.30.

- Those present: S. Palmer (Secretary General of IUPAP), J. Baglin (IUMRS-ICSU Liaison), M. de León (IMU-ICSU Liaison), R. Deplanque (Secretary General of IUPAC), S. Larsen (past president IUCr), B.V.R. Chowdari (IUMRS and ROAP), I. F. Corbett (past Secretary General of IAU, IAU), B. McKellar (Chair of the ICSU Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific, next IUPAP President)

# News about activities of other unions published in IMU-Net

- IMU-Net 64: March 2014: Editorial on the International Year of Cristallography 2014 (IYCr2014, IUCr) (M. de León)
- · IMU-Net 57: January 2013: Editorial on the role of the ICSU Regional Offices (M. de León)
- IMU-Net 49: September 2011: Editorial on the ICSU GA 2011 (C. Rousseau)
- · IMU-Net 47: May 2011: Editorial on ICSU and MPE (C. Rousseau)
- · IMU-Net 45: January 2011: 2011: An important year for ICSU (M. de León)

# ICSU General Assembly Auckland 2014

- 1. IMU delegation: C. Rousseau, C. Prager, M. de León
- 2. Nominations to the ICSU Executive.
- M. de León is a joint IMU-IUTAM nomination for Officer of the ICSU Executive Board.
- IMU has supported the Indian UK nomination of . Gadagkar for the ICSU EB Committee
- 3. Previous meeting of the cluster unions
- 4. Meeting of the unions

#### Call for proposals for an application to ICSU grant program

Grants are up to 30,000 Euros. It is recommended that projects meet some of the following criteria: 1. The project fits within one of ICSU's priorities:

- a) Science and Technology for Sustainable Development
- b) Capacity Building and Science Education
- c) Dissemination of Data and/or Information from Science and Technology
- d) Emerging Science -- Creation of New Knowledge.
- 2. The project involves at least one other scientific union inside ICSU.
- 3. The project has some capacity building objective in one of the ICSU regional offices: ROLAC
- (Latin America and the Caribbean), ROA (Africa), ROAP (Asia Pacific).

A one page letter of intent should be sent by August 31 to C.Rousseau: rousseac@dms.umontreal.ca

# 14.3. ICIAM

Presentation by R. Jeltsch, in the name of B. Keyfitz and M. Esteban

ICIAM International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Basic Facts

World Organisation Society of Societies Full members are applied Associate members are general

#### ICIAM Members

Continent	Full	Associate	Total
Europe	10	10	20
North America	2	4	6
Latin America	3	2	5
Asia	6	4	10
Australia & Oceania	1	0	1
World	1	0	1
Total: 2014	23	20	43
Changes from 2010	+3	+6	+9

History

- *Started as CICIAM*, Committee for International Conferences on Industrial and Applied, by GAMM, IMA, SIAM and SMAI, 1st ICIAM meeting in Paris 1987
- · By laws 1994, membership organizations
- · ICIAM 1999, new name and incorporated in the USA in 2001

# Activities

- ICIAM Congresses, every 4 years, 1987... Paris, Washington, Hamburg, Edinburg, Sydney, Zurich, Vancouver,
   <u>2015 Beijing, 10 – 14 August www.iciam2015.cn</u>
   2019 Valencia
- 5 ICIAM Prizes, since 1999
- Olga Taussky-Todd Lecture, since 2007
- Support for Developing Countries, 3 4
  - Conf. each year (e.g. Algeria, India, Colombia, Brazil, Vietnam, ...)
- Projects:
  - Quantitative assessment with IMU, IMS
  - EIMI with ICMI
  - WG: ranking journals: with IMU, report & blog
  - Collaborations on MPE 2013
  - Newsletter: "ICIAM Dianoia", 2013, 4 issues per year
- · Scientific partner of CIMPA
- · Associate society of ICSU, Thank You. We shall work together with IMU!

# Mission

- Support the discipline of applied and industrial mathematics in all parts of the world.
- Support the interaction between member societies.
- Focus mathematical and computational talent on international policy issues.

# Governance

- · President Barbara Keyfitz
- Pres.-elect or past-pres. Maria J. Esteban
- · Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Officers-at-large
- · Board: 1 or 2 reps from each member; 1 to 4 votes meets annually
- · Funded by member dues and license fee

# 14.4. AMU

# Presentation D. Makinde

# AFRICAN MATHEMATICAL UNION

# Introduction

- The African Mathematical Union was founded in 1976 at the first Pan-African Congress of Mathematicians held in Rabat, Morocco in Africa
- Since then, we have been having Pan African Congress of Mathematician in every four years just like IMU
- Our mission is to coordinate and promote the quality teaching, learning, research and outreach activities in all areas of mathematical sciences all over Africa.
- Our members include all mathematical scientists residing within Africa continent and we also welcome interested members and organisations outside Africa.
- The AMU Website is http://betterdaycoop.com/AMU/

# AMU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2013-2017)

- President: Prof. A.R.T. Solarin (Nigeria)
- · Secretary General: Prof. O.D. Makinde (South Africa)
- Treasurer: Prof. S.A. Ilori (Nigeria)
- Vice Presidents

East Africa: Prof. OGANA Wandera (Kenya) North Africa: Prof. Nouzha EL YACOUBI (Morocco) West Africa: Dr. Adama COULIBALY (Côte d'Ivoire) Central Africa: Prof. GUY Nkiet (Gabon) Southern Africa: Prof. Winter SINKALA (Zambia) • Other Members Prof. Léonard TODJHOUNDE (Benin) Prof. Mohamed EL TOM (Sudan) Prof. Raouf THABET (Tunisia) Prof. Joel MOITSHEKI (South Africa)

## AMU Activities & Commissions

- Commission for Mathematics Education in Africa: (AMUCME) Chairperson: Prof. Bechir Kachoukh (Tunisia) Secretary: Prof. Mamokgethi Setati (South Africa)
- Commission on Women & Mathematics in Africa: (AMUCWMA) Chairperson: Dr. Marie-Françoise Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) Secretary : Prof. Sibusiso Moyo (South Africa)
- Commission for Research & Innovation in Mathematical Sciences: (Afrika Matematika) Chairperson: Professor Mamadou Sangharé (Sénégal) Journal Editor: Prof. J. Banasiak Deputy Editor: Prof. O. D. Makinde
- Commission for History of Mathematics in Africa: (AMUCHMA) Chairperson: Prof. Kalifa Traoré (Burkina Faso) Secretary : Prof. Ezzaim Laabid (Morocco)
- Commission for Pan African Mathematics Olympiad: (AMUCMO) Chairperson : Mr. Soma Traore (Côte d'Ivoire) Secretary : Dr. Egbert Mujuni (Tanzania)

# Afrika Matematika - Journal of the African Mathematical Union

- > The aim of the Journal is to promote quality research in all areas of mathematical sciences
- > The first issue was published in 1978.
- Since then, the Journal has continued to publish research articles from all over the world. <u>You</u> are invited to support our journal by submitting your work for consideration in it.
- > The online submission is done process and administration is coordinated by Springer.
- https://www.editorialmanager.com/afma/

# AMUCWMA: Founded in 1986

The objective of the AMU through AMUCWMA are:

- Promote women involvement in mathematical sciences.
- Organize scientific activities for African women mathematicians

#### AMUCWMA Aims and Objectives

- To generate activities and programmes meant to encourage women to study and make careers in the Mathematical Sciences.
- To mobilise young girls all over the continent to show more interest in Mathematics.
- To prepare and update a directory of

Women in Mathematics all over the continent.

- To commission studies on various topics on Women in Mathematics in Africa.
- To cooperate with other Organisations with similar objectives.

# Concluding Remarks

- > AMU is Affiliated Member of IMU.
- AMU does forward regular news brief on various activities that may be of interest to our member. Please kindly let us have your e-mail address in case you are interested.
- AMU does organise short schools and research enhancement lectures across the continent in collaboration with CIMPA & other organisations.
- We appeal to all Mathematical Scientists and Organisations willing to assist Africa in Mathematical Sciences to work through AMU structure in order to strengthen our continental organisation and for proper coordination, positive impact on our members and easy reporting system.

#### 14.5. **EMS**

Presentation by M. Sanz-Solé

# The European Mathematical Society

What is the European Mathematical Society? www.euro-math-soc.eu

The EMS is a learned society representing mathematicians in Europe Aims

- To foster interaction between mathematicians of different countries
- To promote mathematical research
- To assist and advise on problems of mathematical education •
- To develop links between mathematics and society
- To maintain a sense of identity amongst European mathematicians
- To represent the mathematical community in European institutions

#### Membership

- 60 mathematical societies in Europe
- International societies (ESMTB, GAMM)
- Academic institutional members (40 research centers and departments in Europe)
- About 3000 individual members

# **Reciprocity Agreements**

AMS, Australian Mathematical Society, Canadian Mathematical Society

# **Collaboration Agreements**

Bernoulli Society, IAMP, UMALCA, ECMI •

# Benefits of Membership

- Those derived from reciprocity agreements Discount on books and journals published by the EMS Publishing House
- Discount on subscriptions to the Journal of the European Mathematical Society

#### Executive Committee (2013-2014

- President: Marta Sanz-Solé (Pavel Exner)
- Vice President: Franco Brezzi
- Vice President: Martin Raussen
- Secretary: Stephen Huggett (Sjoerd Verduyn Lunel)
- Treasurer: Jouko Väänänen (Mats Gyllenberg)
- Members
  - Alice Fialowski
  - Gert-Martin Greuel
  - Laurence Halpern
  - Volker Mehrmann
  - Armen Sergeev

#### Committees of the European Mathematical Society Committees and Chairs

- Antonio Carrillo)
- Developing Countries (Michel Waldschmidt) .
- Education (Günter Törner)
- Ethics (Arne Jensen)
- Electronic Publishing (Jiri Rakosnik) .
- Meetings (Nils Dencker)
- European Research Centers of Mathematics (Keith Ball) .
- Publications (Bernard Teissier)

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- EMS Newsletter, quarterly journal
- Free access to: Journal of the European Mathematical Society; Zentralblatt MATH
- Reduced registration fees for EMS Congresses

- Raising Public Awareness of Mathematics (Ehrhard Behrends)
- European Solidarity (Carles Casacuberta)
- Women in Mathematics (Caroline Series)

# Some Activities and Projects Scientific Activities

- European Congresses of Mathematics (ECMs)
- · 1992 Paris
- · 1996 Budapest
- · 2000 Barcelona
- · 2004 Stockholm
- · 2008 Amsterdam
- · 2012 Kraków
- · 2016 7th ECM, Berlin, July 18-22
- Other scientific activities
- Summer Schools
- · EMS Lectures
- · Joint EMS Mathematical Weekends
- Distinguished Speakers
- · ....

# **Publication Activities**

European Mathematical Foundation

EMS Publishing House

- www.ems-ph.org
- · Created in 2002.
- · Board of Trustees consisting of EMS officers and elected members.
- · Director: Thomas Hintermann.

Publications: Books, e-Books, Journals, EMS Newsletter

*Book Series*: EMS Monographs in Mathematics, EMS Series of Congress Reports, EMS Series of Lectures in Mathematics, EMS Textbooks in Mathematics, EMS Tracts in Mathematics, ESI Lectures in Mathematics and Physics, Heritage of European Mathematics, IRMA Lectures in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Zurich Lectures in Advanced Mathematics

*Journals (18)*: Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici, Elemente der Mathematik, Groups, Geometry and Dynamics, Interfaces and Free Boundaries, Journal of Noncommutative Geometry, Journal of Spectral Theory, Journal of the European Mathematical Society, Portugaliae Mathematica, Publications of the Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Quantum Topology, Revista Matemática Iberoamericana, Rendiconti Lincei - Matematica e Applicazioni, .....

*Zentralblatt MATH:* In partnership with FIZ Karlsruhe, EMS, Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften, Publisher: Springer Verlag, www.zentralblatt-math.org/zbmath

#### A Sample of Projects

The European Digital Mathematics Library, www.eudml.eu

- The EuDML portal aims to be a single well-organised resource offering a long-standing reliable system with sophisticated tools available for search and exploration. This will be achieved by implementing a single access portal for heterogeneous and multilingual collections, on top of a rich metadata repository endowed with a user-focused interface.
- Funded by the EU Programme CIP (2009 2013), with partners in Bulgaria, Czech R., France, Germany, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Spain, UK. Continues as a not-for-profit initiative with 12 founding members.

Mathematics in Europe, www.mathematics-in-europe.eu

- An EMS project funded by Munich Re (Germany)
- Addressed to:
  - Everyone who is interested in mathematics: journalists, school children, students, teachers, professional mathematicians.
  - Everyone looking for suggestions for increasing public awareness of mathematics.

- Entries include:
  - News, Information, Popularization Activities, Math Help, Math(s) as a profession, Competitions.

Presentation by J. Kramer

#### 7th ECM in Berlin 2016

# **Scientific Program**

- Ten Plenary Lectures selected by the Scientific Committee Chair: Timothy Gowers, Cambridge
- Ten EMS Prizes will be awarded to young researchers in recognition of excellent contributions in mathematics
- Chair: Björn Engquist, Austin and Stockholm
- The Felix Klein Prize will be awarded for using sophisticated methods to give an outstanding solution to a concrete and difficult industrial problem Chair: Mario Primicerio, Florence
- The Otto Neugebauer Prize will be awarded for a specific highly influential article or book Chair: Jesper Lützen, Copenhagen
- The Hirzebruch Lecture will be selected by the following Committee: M. Atiyah, J.-P. Bourguignon, J. Kramer, G. Ziegler
- The organizers plan to invite and organize a limited number of special minisymposia on highly relevant topics

# **Public Program**

Public Lectures

- Helmut Pottmann, Mathematics and Architecture
- Further Public Lectures are planned in cooperation with URANIA, a public education organization in Berlin, and potentially also with the Berlin Museum of Technology

Historical Lectures

- Eberhard Knobloch: Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz
- Jürgen Sprekels: Karl Weierstrass
- Gerhard Wanner: Joseph-Louis Lagrange
- Günter Ziegler: Leonhard Euler

# Math and Film

Organized by Konrad Polthier

Juniors

• One or two days of Students Conference (Tuesday, Wednesday)

**Exhibitions** 

- IMAGINARY, Shown at Atrium of TU Berlin
- Jewish Mathematicians in German-Speaking Academic Culture: Shown at Jewish Museum Berlin

# Local Organizing Committee

Chair: Volker Mehrmann (Technische Universität Berlin)

- Hélène Esnault (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Martin Grötschel (Technische Universität Berlin / Zuse Institut Berlin)
- Wolfgang König (Weierstrass Institut Berlin)
- Jürg Kramer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- Dirk Kreimer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- Alexander Mielke (Weierstrass Institut Berlin)
- Konrad Polthier (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Christof Schütte (Freie Universität Berlin / Zuse Institut Berlin)
- Martin Skutella (Technische Universität Berlin)
- Caren Tischendorf (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- Günter Ziegler (Freie Universität Berlin)

#### Mathematical Community in Berlin

- Three Mathematical Departments at FU, HU, TU
- Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS)
- Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB)
- Berlin Mathematical School (BMS)
- Research Center MATHEON
- Office of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)
- Office of the German Mathematical Society (DMV)
- More than 3.000 students of mathematics in Berlin

# 14.6. SEAMS

#### Presentation by E. Tri Baskoro

# The Southeast Asian Mathematical Society and its Position Toward Better Mathematical Development of Mathematics in the Region

SEAMS' brief history

Founded in 1972, (Inaugural meeting: July 1972 in Singapore), http://seams-math.org Founding president:

Prof Wong Yung Chow (1913 – 2004) of the University of Hong Kong. Main objectives:

- To promote the advancement of mathematical science in Southeast Asia
- To facilitate the exchange of information about current research work and teaching methods
- To encourage and foster friendly collaborations

Members. SEAMS has country members:

- 1. Cambodian Mathematical Society (founded 2005)
- 2. Hongkong Mathematical Society (founded 1979)
- 3. Indonesian Mathematical Society (founded 1976)
- 4. Malaysian Mathematical Sciences Society (Persatuan Sains Matematik Malaysia) (founded 1970)
- 5. Mathematical Society of The Philippines (founded 1973)
- 6. Singapore Mathematical Society (founded 1952)
- 7. Mathematical Association of Thailand (founded 1978)
- 8. Vietnam Mathematical Society (founded 1966)
- 9. Mathematical Society of Myanmar (founded 2013)

Affiliate Member: Nepal Mathematical Society

# SEAMS Council

- President (two years term)
- Two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a treasurer
- President-Elect (during the odd numbered years only)
- Ex-President (during the even numbered years only)
- Ex-officio members, two representatives of the Publications Committee, and one representative from each member country which is not represented amongst the Officers of the Society

Edy Tri Baskoro (Indonesia)	Budi Nurani (Indonesia)
Ling San (Singapore)	Widodo (Indonesia)
Yongwimon Lenbury (Thailand)	Rosihan M. Ali, Dato (Malaysia)
Le Tuan Hoa (IMH, Vietnam)	Maslina Darus (Malaysia)
Intan M. Alamsyah (Indonesia)	K.P. Shum (Hongkong)
Ngunyen van Sanh (Thailand)	Fidel Nemenzo (Philippines)
Zhu Chengbo (Singapore)	Jumela Sarmento (Phillipines)
W.S. Cheung (Hongkong)	Suthep Suantai (Thailand)
Nguyen Huu Du (Vietnam)	Wanida Hemakul (Thailand)
Chan Roath (Cambodia)	Thein Myint (Myanmar)
Ty Poli Reth (Cambodia)	Saw Win Maung (Myanmar)

# SEAMS Officers

President	Edy Tri Baskoro (ITB, Indonesia)
Vice-Presidents	Ling San (NTU, Singapore)
	Yongwimon Lenbury (Mahidol, Thailand)

Secretary	Intan Muchtadi Alamsyah (ITB, Indonesia)
Treasurer	Ngunyen van Sanh (Mahidol, Thailand)

#### SEAMS Presidents

Edy Tri Baskoro (Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia). 2014-2015 Le Tuan Hoa (Vietnam Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics) 2012-2013 Fidel R Nemenzo (University of the Philippines) 2010-2011 Rosihan M. Ali (Universiti Sains Malaysia) 2008-2009 Wanida Hemakul (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand) 2006-2007 Tan Eng Chye (National University of Singapore) 2004-2005 Kar Ping Shum (Chinese University of Hong Kong) 2002-2003 Do Long Van (Institute of Mathematics, Hanoi) 2000-2001 Polly W Sy (University of the Philippines) 1998-1999 Soeparna Darmawijaya (Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia) 1996-1997 Suwon Tangmanee (Suranaree Univ. of Technology, Thailand) 1994-1995 Modin Mokta (Malaysia) 1992-1993 MariJo Ruiz (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines) 1990-1991 Kar Ping Shum (Chinese University of Hong Kong) 1988-1989 Lim Chong Keang (University of Malaya) 1985-1987 Virool Boonyasombat (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand) 1983-1984 Lee Peng Yee (Nanyang University) 1981-1982 Tan Wang Seng (Universiti Sains Malaysia) 1979-1980 Bienvenido F Nebres (Ateneo de Manila University) 1977-1978 Teh Hoon Heng (Nanyang University) 1975-1976 Wong Yung Chow (University of Hong Kong) 1973-1974

#### SEAMS Publications

- The Southeast Asian Bulletin of Mathematics (SEAMS Bulletin) is a bimonthly journal. First issue in 1976.
- Now, co-sponsored by: The South China Normal University, Yunnan University and UNESCO.
- Editor-in-chief : Sum Kar Ping (Former Prof. of University of Hong Kong, currently at Yunnan).

#### SEAMS Activities

Organize workshops, conferences, schools.

Some well-known series:

- Biennial meetings (1972 1988),
- SEACME (Southeast Asian Conference on Mathematics Education) 1978-1999, and later, the EARCOME (East Asia Regional Conference on Mathematics Education),
- Franco Southeast Asian Mathematical Conference (now continued by CIMPA-UNESCO workshops/conferences).
- Many international conferences/workshops organized in member countries.

The Asian Mathematical Conference (AMC) series is a major SEAMS conference, held every 4-5 years and hosted by countries in Asia.

- · First AMC: Hong Kong (1990)
- Other AMCs: Thailand (1995), Philippines (2000), Singapore (2005), Malaysia (2009), Busan Korea (2013).
- Next AMC-2016 in Bali Indonesia.

More and more mathematicians from Asia and other parts of World attended this AMC.

Organize <u>SEAMS Schools</u> every year:

- 2011: Applications of Algebra and Analysis (Philippines).
- · 2013: Algebraic Curves (Vietnam), Numbers, Matrices and Graphs (ITB Indonesia).
- 2014: Stochastic Processes and Its Applications in Finance and Insurance (IPB Indonesia), Module Theory and Its Applications (ITB Indonesia).
- · 2015+: 5-6 SEAMS schools held in countries in Southeast Asia.

Objectives:

• To provide opportunity to have an advanced learning experience in mathematics, and to introduce a research-based learning for undergraduate as well as master students.

• To provide a preparation for students to be able to attend the CIMPA Schools. Supported by CIMPA.

# SEAMS challenges and opportunities

- In recent years, many development of mathematics in the region. However, not evenly spread in all fields of mathematics, not in all countries.
- Each mathematical society in the region has own national, regional as well as international conferences/workshops; publications, potential critical mass.
- · More centers, research groups, mutual collaborations established.

However ...

- Not all countries in ASEAN have comparable mathematical teaching and research achievements. Singapore Vietnam
  - Indonesia Philippines Thailand
  - Myanmar Cambodia Laos
- Not all fields of mathematics receive the same attention (advancement)

# Strength:

- Many enthusiastic mathematicians who are committed to promote mathematics (both research and education) and the collaboration within the region.
- · Many good students who love mathematics.
- Short distances, and therefore low travel costs (especially now with cheap flights).
- However: No budget, Few strong (good) mathematical institutions

===> Stronger collaboration between IMU and SEAMS in promoting mathematics in the region.

# 14.7. UMALCA

#### Presentation by J. Seade

#### UMALCA - Unión Matemática de América Latina y el Caribe

#### Founded in 1995

- Main national societies in the Latinoamerican Region
- 11 Members and 2 Associate Members
  - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

## UMALCA' s main goals are:

- To foster the development of Mathematics in all the countries in the region
- To contribute to the improvement of academic working conditions, and facilitate the interchange of researchers and students across the continent.
- To support programs involving the participation of researchers in the teaching of Mathematics.
- To create a net that supports information about institutions offering graduate programs in Mathematics.

# MAIN PROGRAMS

- EMALCA, elementary schools
- ELAM, advanced schools
- CLAM, Latin American Congress of Mathematicians
- Scientific exchanges (travel grants for young researchers)
- International Congress of the Applications of Mathematics 2006
- 1st Mathematical Congress of the Americas 2013

#### EMALCA, Elementary Schools

- 50 Schools (2001-2014) ~ 2,750 students
- Started in 2001 in Mexico
- Aimed to students in regions with poor development in mathematics.
- Gives students opportunity to be in touch with top mathematicians and widen their vision.
- Aims to inspiring students to pursue graduate studies
- Significant support from CIMPA (France)

#### ELAM, Advanced Schools of Mathematics

- 15 Schools, for graduate students (1968-2011)
- Aimed to strengthening research schools
- First in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1968 (Analysis)
- México City 1971 (Topology)
- Then: Brazil (1976), Peru (1978), Argentina (1980), Mexico (1982), Venezuela (1984), Brazil (1986), Chile (1988), Argentina (1991), Mexico (1993), Peru (1999), Colombia (2002), Uruguay (2005), Argentina (2011)

# Latin American Congress for Mathematicians (CLAM)

- Main objective: to contribute to the development of mathematical research in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 4 congresses (2000-2012):
- 2000 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2004 Cancún, México
- 2009 Córdoba, Argentina
- 2012 Santiago, Chile
- 2016 To be decided (possibly Colombia)

# Scientific exchanges: Travel grants for Young researchers

- Aimed to create ways for encouraging cooperation between mathematicians working in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- This program helps to increase mobility of mathematicians within the region.
- Priority is given to young mathematicians for research exchanges.
- 19 years of uninterrupted activity
- Over 80 exchanges supported between 2005 y 2013.

#### About the future

- UMALCA is being a key-actor for developing mathematics in our region
- A lot more needs to be done
- A lot more can be done
- A lot more will be done
- See web page for more: http://www.umalca.org

# 14.8. Friends of IMU

## Presentation by I. Daubechies

Friends of the IMU (or FIMU for short): created under previous EC

- charitable organization in US, i.e. donations from US citizens are tax deductable
- is channel used by Chern Medal Foundation to contribute money funding Chern Medal Award
- is already being used for smaller donations (targeted towards CDC) very recent large donation: Breakthrough Prize Winners
- new website: <u>www.friends-imu.org</u>
- MENAO-related report: The International Mathematical Union in the Developing World, see www.friends-imu.org/category/news
- DonAuction at ICM: <u>www.donauction.org</u>

# 14.9. MPE 2013

# Presentation by C. Rousseau

#### Mathematics of Planet Earth 2013

- An international year of scientific and outreach activities
- Under the patronage of UNESCO

- Endorsed by IMU, ICMI, ICSU, ICIAM
- More than 140 partners around the world
- An exceptional collaboration

# MPE2013 and IMU

IMU hosted the MPE Day at UNESCO on March 5 2013, where the MPE Exhibition was launched. Further input to the exhibition is welcome!

IMU co-organized at CIMAT (Mexico) a summer school "<u>Mathematics of climate change, related</u> <u>hazards and risks</u>" together with IUGG and IUTAM. The school was targeting young researchers from Latin America. It was sponsored by ICSU.

Together with UNESCO, IMU supported the distribution of a special issue of Accromath in 14 francophone African countries.

What next?

MPE2013 had nearly no budget: it functioned with partners bringing their own resources. It is a model of cooperation.

MPE2013 has moved into MPE to continue the work, including increasing cooperation with other disciplines:

www.mathofplanetearth.org

Educational and outreach resources have been developed and are available on the website. Training programs are developing around the world.

# 15. Presentation of Resolutions Committee

G. Ziegler presented the resolutions drafted by the Resolutions Committee. Each resolution was voted on by show of hands.

# **Resolution 1**

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its deep gratitude to the Organizing Committee of the ICM 2014 chaired by Hyungju Park and to the Organizing Committee of the General Assembly chaired by Jeong Han Kim for their dedicated work and for their excellent organization, their special efforts in helping delegates in obtaining their visas, and their warm welcome to the delegates.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Resolution 2**

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its deep appreciation to the Executive Committee, in particular to the IMU President Ingrid Daubechies and to the chair of the Program Committee Carlos E. Kenig, for their excellent work during the period 2011-2014. It especially thanks and applauds the IMU Secretary Martin Grötschel for his extraordinary dedication and his passionate work for the IMU and its adhering organizations as the Secretary of the IMU in the last eight years.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Resolution 3**

The General Assembly of the IMU thanks Alexander Mielke, Sylwia Markwardt, Lena Koch, and all the other staff at the IMU Secretariat in Berlin for their dedicated work and for all their multiple contributions to the IMU.

*VOTE* (*by show of hands*): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Resolution 4**

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its gratitude to those organizations and individuals who have contributed to the Special Development Fund in the past four years.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Resolution 5**

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses special appreciation of the Korean mathematical community for the ICM Invitation Program "NANUM 2014" that provided travel grants to Korea for 1,000 participants from developing countries.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# **Resolution 6**

The General Assembly requests that the Executive Committee review the instructions given to the ICM Program Committees concerning the following goals:

to achieve gender and geographical balance among plenary and sectional speakers;
 to ensure that the structure of the program reflects the current state and development of all mathematical areas.

The GA asks that each ICM Program Committee present an interim report to the EC about issue 2) at the time it has a proposal for the structure of the program and for the division into "sections", and that the final report of the Program Committee to the EC about their work specifically address both issues 1) and 2).

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = 119, *AGAINST* = 3, *ABSTENTIONS* = 5

# **Resolution 7**

The IMU AOs should be invited to make suggestions for possible members of the Program Committee.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = 114, *AGAINST* = 2, *ABSTENTIONS* = 11

# **Resolution 8**

The General Assembly endorses the "Guidelines for Joint Commissions of the International Mathematical Union".

*VOTE (by show of hands): IN FAVOR = UNANIMOUS* Voting on this resolution took place when item 7.3 of the agenda was discussed.

# **Resolution 9**

The General Assembly permits the IMU Executive Committee to develop Terms of Reference for the International Commission on the History of Mathematics.

*VOTE* (*by show of hands*): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

Voting on this resolution took place when item 7.3 of the agenda was discussed.

# **Resolution 10**

To take into account the distribution of IMU's activities over its four-year cycle, the General Assembly agrees that the annual surplus reported in an income and expenditure statement be allocated to the reserves and be accumulated up to a total amount of four times the annual membership fees.

German version:

Aufgrund des vierjährigen Zyklus der IMU-Aktivitäten befürwortet die General Assembly der IMU, dass die jährlichen Überschüsse, die sich aus den Jahresbilanzen ergeben, als Rücklagen verbucht und bis zum Vierfachen der jährlichen Mitgliedsbeiträge akkumuliert werden.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

Voting on this resolution took place when item 7.5 of the agenda was discussed.

# **Resolution 11**

The 2015-2018 EC should establish, in 2015, an ad-hoc committee that will consider possible adjustments of the rules governing the IMU prizes and medals. This committee, appointed by the EC and consisting of past chairs of IMU award committees (Fields, Gauss, Nevanlinna, etc.), could in particular formulate recommendations about

1) announcing the prize winners before the opening ceremony of the ICM,

2) the possibility of single awards being shared by several collaborators, and

3) changing or relaxing the currently specified age limits.

The committee should report on its work, including recommendations it wishes to make, to the EC prior to the 2016 EC meeting. Recommendations approved by the EC will be sent to the AOs in 2016, for their consideration, in preparation for voting by the AOs.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = 122, *AGAINST* = 3, *ABSTENTIONS* = 2

Considering the discussion by the GA, this resolution was reformulated and voted on retrospectively.

# **Resolution 12**

An IMU member will automatically lose its membership by the end of 2015 if at present (August 11, 2014) it is four or more years in arrears, and if the EC finds that two or more years of dues remain unpaid by December 31, 2015.

*VOTE (by show of hands): IN FAVOR* = 120, *AGAINST* = 0, *ABSTENTIONS* = 7Resolution 12 needed a two third majority of the total votes of all full IMU members with voting rights. The IMU Secretary explained the procedure to the GA. The number of 120 votes in favor did exceed the required two third majority (102).

# **Resolution 13**

The General Assembly requests that the IMU Executive Committee study the feasibility of introducing a new category of "IMU Regional Member".

#### Explanation:

Since regional membership may increase the number of countries participating fully in IMU activities and may also increase the number of countries that fully benefit from those

activities, it is desirable, in certain circumstances, to have a mechanism by which a regional group of countries may be eligible jointly to obtain full dues-paying membership in the IMU. Eligibility requirements would include

1) that the group of countries shall be contiguous or closely related, geographically,

2) that no country in the regional group be an IMU member country,

3) that each individual country in the group shall already have status as an associate member in good standing of the IMU,

4) that the cumulative mathematical level in the regional group, taken together, meets IMU standards,

5) that there is a regional organization that can collectively represent the countries in the region according to the norms IMU requires of its current adhering bodies.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): IN FAVOR = 122, AGAINST = 1, ABSTENTIONS = 4

# **Resolution 14**

The General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union wants to express its concern about the academic activity in general, and of the mathematical activity in particular, of Venezuela.

The GA of the IMU wants to express its solidarity with the mathematical community of Venezuela, hoping that it will recover soon from this difficult time.

Explanation:

The economic and political crisis of Venezuela has impacted negatively in all the aspects of the academic life (low salaries, lack of promotions, scarce research grants, etc). Such facts have implied a dramatic decrease in the productivity of all the scientific community, and an exodus of numerous important figures, as well as members of younger generations, to other countries seeking better conditions to develop their academic work.

The GA, in accordance with the Resolutions Committee's decision to not recommend this resolution for vote, did not vote on Resolution 14.

# In short, the GA has approved all resolutions, i.e. resolution 1 to 13 was passed.

# 16. Ballot results of Elections, Finance and Dues voting

The Chair of the Tellers Committee, P. Piccione, passed the ballot results to the President. The President announced the results of voting.

As decided by the General Assembly, the numerical results of the balloting for the different IMU committees were provided this time.

IMU Executive Committee (EC) slate

IMU President	Shigefumi MORI	Japan
IMU Secretary	Helge HOLDEN	Norway
IMU Vice President	Alicia DICKENSTEIN	Argentina
IMU Vice President	Vaughan JONES	New Zealand/US
EC Member-at-Large	Benedict H. GROSS	US
EC Member-at-Large	Hyungju PARK	Korea
EC Member-at-Large	Christiane ROUSSEAU	Canada
EC Member-at-Large	Vasudevan SRINIVAS	India

EC Member-at-Large	John TOLAND	UK	
EC Member-at-Large	Wendelin WERNER	Switzerl	and
Commission for Develop	ping Countries (CDC) s	late	
CDC President	Wandera OGANA	L	Kenya
CDC Secr. Policy	C. Herbert CLEM	ENS	US
CDC Secr. Grants	Kesavan SRINIVA	ASAN	India
CDC, African Member	Mama FOUPOUA	GNIGNI	Cameroon
CDC, Asian Member	Polly SY		Philippines
CDC, Latin Am. Membe	er Alf ONSHUUS		Colombia
International Commission	on for the History of Ma	thematics	(ICHM) slate
ICHM	Ciro CILIBERTO		Italy

ICHM	Ciro CILIBERTO	Italy
ICHM	Shrikrishna G. DANI	India

Voting on Recommendations 1. and 2. of the Finance and Dues Committee:

- 1. We recommend the 2015-2018 budget proposed by the Treasurer to the General Assembly.
- 2. The unit base membership fee remains the same: it is converted from CHF to Euro based on the average exchange rate over 4 years. We endorse the proposed unit membership fee.

# The General Assembly approved the Recommendations 1. and 2.

# 17. Resolutions balloting

See item 15.

# 18. ICM 2018

18.1. IMU EC Site Recommendation for ICM 2018

Presentation by M. Grötschel

M. Grötschel gave a summary of the visit of the ICM 2018 site visiting committee in January 2013 and the report submitted by this committee. He cited the <u>FINAL REMARK</u> of this report:

"The Site Visiting Committee is convinced that the Brazilian bid is excellent, that it will get strong support from the local mathematical communities in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo as well as from the whole of Brazil and South America, and the SVC has no doubt that ICM 2018 taking place in Brazil will be a successful congress.

We were particularly impressed by the great enthusiasm of our Brazilian colleagues."

18.2. Presentation of the Committee for Rio de Janeiro ICM 2018

Presentation by M. Viana

See Appendix 18-2

# 18.3. Location of ICM 2018 balloting

# <u>The General Assembly voted to hold the ICM 2018 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the</u> <u>General Assembly to be held in São Paulo, Brazil prior to the ICM.</u>

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# 18.4. Meeting of the 18th IMU General Assembly

M. Viana introduced Paolo Piccione, the chair of the 2018 General Assembly organizing committee.

# 18.5. ICM 2022, invitation to announce interest to bid

France announced interest to bid for ICM 2022. Presentation by F. Loeser

Paris ICM 2022 Location: Palais des Congrès de Paris Dates: August 9-17, 2022 Professional Conference Organizer (PCO): MCI Budget: €2/2,5M (current euros)

Paris ICM 2022: Sponsors (already contacted) Presidence of the French Republic Ministry of Higher Education and Research City of Paris Ile de France Region CNRS INRIA French Academy of Sciences Learned Societies (applied mathematics, mathematics, statistics) Foundations in mathematical sciences of Ile de France Institutes: IHES, Institut Henri Poincaré

Paris ICM 2022 : Next steps Forming the Organizing Committee and the Advisory Committee before summer 2015 Preparing the bid for 2016 Getting your support ! Hoping to see you in Paris in 2022

#### 19. IMU Membership

19.1. New Members19.2. Group changes

Report by M. Grötschel

# IMU membership development

On September 1, 2010 directly after the Bangalore GA, new Associate Members:

- Cambodia
- Moldova
- Nepal
- Oman

The Associate Membership was extended to August 31, 2018 for all four countries. Associate Membership of other countries extended:

- Kenya: September 30, 2016
  - Thailand:July 31, 2017

Further new Associate Members:

- Madagascar: August 1, 2012
- Malaysia: August 1, 2012
- Gabon: June 1, 2014

Up for decision about Associate Membership at this GA meeting:

- Papua New Guinea
- Senegal

New Full IMU members:

- Montenegro: September 1, 2010
- Algeria: February 1, 2012
- Upgrade from Associate to Full Member:
  - Ecuador: June 1, 2014

Upgrade from group II to group III

- Argentina June 2014
- Mexico June 2014

Upgrade from group III to group IV

- Australia June 2014
- Iran August 2014

Number of Full IMU Members:

- 35 countries in group I
- 09 countries in group II
- 07 countries in group III
- 10 countries in group IV
- 10 countries in group V

Full Members total:

Associate Members: 10 Affiliate Members: 04

Membership by continents

Africa: 07 Full Members, 3 Associate

America: 12 Full Members

Asia: 16 Full Members, 6 Associate

71

Australia: 02 Full Members

Europe: 34 Full Members, 1 Associate

Presentations of New (Associate) Members

New Associate Members, see item 19.3

- Madagascar (Fanja Rakotondrajao appologizes, can't be here because if GA meeting of ISP reference group)
- <u>Malaysia</u>
- <u>Gabon</u>

New Full Members

- Montenegro
- Algeria

# 19.3. Applications for Membership/Associate Membership, Presentations of new members

# **Mathematics Activities in Malaysia**

Presentation by Kamel A.M. Atan

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF MALAYSIAN MATHEMATICS

Prior to the Arrival of Western Mathematics.

- Mathematics of the indigenous people.
- > Influence of the Arabian mathematics in Islamic religious schools.

Mathematics of the Colonial Era.

# Type of schools:

- > Public: Curriculum follows closely the British model.
- > Christian Missionary: British model syllabus.
- > Independent Private: Curriculum of country of origin.
- ➢ Islamic religious: Maintained Arabian mathematics.

# Post-independent Era (1957 and beyond).

-Establishment of National Schools.

-Establishment of National-Type Schools.

-Adoption of a common school mathematics curriculum.

-Establishment of Teachers Training Colleges.

-Introduction of higher level university mathematics.

TERTIARY EDUCATION. Universities in Malaysia:

Public ( 20 ).

Private (12). Branch campuses of foreign universities (4)

Lecturers of mathematics : 812

(Mathematics Associate professors: 120

Mathematics Professors: 60)

Degrees with specialization in mathematics are offered at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

MSc : Research and course work modes.

PhD and Postdoctoral: Research.

# RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

Almost all research in mathematics are carried out in the university faculties, research institutes and centres.

Some are done by informal research groupings.

A number of government-linked industrial agencies form mathematics research divisions. Main research fundings are from government agencies.

Research results are published in journals or presented in conferences locally and abroad.

# COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

#### Visiting Scientists.

Sponsored inbound and outbound visits for as long as six months and as short as one week. **Research Students.** 

Placement of research students at selected research partner institutions local and abroad and inbound foreign research students in local institutions of higher learning.

# NETWORKING.

- i) Industries.
- ii) Government Agencies.
- iii) International partners.

# REPRESENTATION

- i) The Malaysian National Council of Professors.
- ii) Malaysian Academy of Sciences.
- iii) Confederation of Scientific and Technological Associations of Malaysia.

# JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS.

- i) Malaysian Journal of Mathematical Sciences.
- ii) Bulletin of the Malaysian Mathematical Sciences Society.
- iii) Sains Malaysiana.
- iv) Pertanika Journal of Science and Technology.
- v) Matematika.
- vi) Jurnal Teknologi.
- vii) Journal of Physical Science.

# CONFERENCES HOSTED (2003 - 2014)

\* 38 International Conferences, Workshops and Lecture Series. This includes the biennial International Conference on Research and Education in Mathematics (ICREM) and the 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Mathematics Conference (AMC) held in 2009.

\* 54 National Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Lecture Series. This includes the annual National Symposium on Mathematical Sciences.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

\*Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMMS).

\*Program for International Student Assessment (PISA).

\*International Mathematical Olimpiad (IMO).

\*Mathematics of Planet Earth 2013 (MPE 2013).

\*Short Training Programs for Mathematics Teachers.

# MATHEMATICS SOCIETIES.

- i) Mathematical Sciences Society of Malaysia (PERSAMA).
- ii) Institute of Statistics Malaysia (ISM).
- iii) Malaysian Society for Cryptology Research (MSCR).
- iv) Management Science/Operations Research Society of Malaysia (MSORSM).
- v) Malaysian Academy of Mathematical Scientists (AISMM).

# SOME RECOGNITIONS

\*Prizes won at international and national exhibitions (2003-2014):

- i) International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (ITEX).
- ii) World Exhibition on Innovation, Research and New Technologies (EUREKA)
- iii) International Exhibition of Inventions New Techniques and Products (Geneva).

iv) National Exhibitions (MTE, MIEXPO)

\*Recognition of Prof Dr Ishak Hashim by Thomson Reuters as one of "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds: 2014".

\*Conferment of ERCE award by EMS on the Institute of Mathematical Research (INSPEM). \*Appointment as Fellows of Academy of Science of Malaysia.

# LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE:

\*To sustain and maintain forward momentum of mathematics progress in the country. \*To be more visible and actively involved in international activities ( through cooperation, collaboration and participations ).

\*To be hosts to other more prestigious international programs (e.g. host to IMC 2022).

# A brief Assessment of Current Mathematics Development in GABON

Presentation by Philibert Nang

#### About Gabon

The Gabonese Republic is a sovereign state on the west coast of central Africa. Located on the equator, Gabon is bordered by Equatorial Guinea on the northwest, Cameroon on the north, the Republic of the Congo on the east and south and the Atlantic Sea on the west. The territory stretches nearly over 270,000 square kilometres, which divide into nine provinces, and a total population estimated at 1,5 million people. Its capital and largest city is Libreville.



Gabon's education system continues to be modelled closely on that of France. French remains the sole medium of instruction; Bantu languages are studied as electives in secondary and higher level institutions. Education is officially mandatory from 6 to 16. Primary education lasts for six years. Secondary schooling consists of a four-year cycle, followed by a three-year programme.

# Education in Gabon

Both levels of education are scattered over the nine provinces that constitute the country. Higher education institutes, including some schools of advanced studies, offer curricula in many fields but concentrate in two cities: "Omar Bongo" University (1970) and the University of Health Sciences (2002) in Libreville; and the University of Sciences and Technology of Masuku (1986) near Franceville are the outstanding of them.

In accordance with the Government's overall goal to build an emerging society, there are approximately 9,6 percent of the country's budget which then goes to education. Gabon is a developing country for which the access of science, technology and mathematics stands as a national priority.

#### Gabon's universities

Description of the state of Mathematics in Gabon:

There are three public universities in Gabon.

The first one, "Omar BONGO University", was founded in 1970 in Libreville, the main town of the country, as mentioned before.

It was originally a multidisciplinary institution. So did it include a faculty of sciences, and especially a department of mathematics. In 1986 it was reformed, and the Faculty of Sciences was relocated in Franceville for the creation of the University of Sciences and Technology of Masuku (USTM), the only university of sciences. The third and last one is the University of Health Sciences.

#### Mathematics education

Mathematics is taught at all levels, from primary school through secondary school to higher institutes. It is taught intensively, from undergraduate level to the graduate one, in the University of Sciences and Technology of Masuku (USTM) and at the Higher School of Education (École Normale Supérieure de Libreville). The Faculty of Sciences of USTM offers a postgraduate program in Mathematics. In Gabon's universities and institutes, there are about 25 teachers (2 females included) in mathematics, and only 8 of them are active researchers.

#### Mathematical research

The research in mathematics is carried in a few elite institutions as follows:

- In ENS, there is a research laboratory in Mathematics, in which are organised, since 2010, a biweekly high level seminar, and two workgroups on analysis and algebraic analysis. The first workgroup is devoted to the study of analytic pseudodifferential operators, and the second one on Dmodule theory and perverse sheaves with applications to the theory of singularities.

- In the Faculty of Sciences of USTM, people deal with mathematical physics field, partial differential equations, probability and statistics, and number theory. There are two working groups: one group is devoted on asymptotic theories of multivariate statistics; and the other one on the study of sticky particles models and scalar conservation laws.

- In the African Institute of Computer Sciences (Institut Africain d'Informatique-IAI), there is a laboratory of applied mathematics and computer sciences working on numerical non linear partial differential equations.

Further details about Mathematics education and research in Gabon

- Mathematical Society of Gabon: 1
- Société Mathématique du Gabon founded in 2013
- President founder: Pr Philibert Nang
- Number of members: 25
- Number of Universities and Institutes in which mathematics is taught: 5
- Number of PhD Students in Mathematics in the postgraduate program of mathematics in the university of Gabon: 5
- Institutions in which research In Mathematics is carried: 4
  - University of Sciences and Technology of Masuku (USTM)
  - Higher School of Education (Ecole Normale Supérieure of Libreville ENS)

- African Institute of Computer Sciences (Institut Africain d'Informatique IAI)
- Polytechnic Engineering School of Masuku (Ecole Polytechnique de Masuku EPM)
- Mathematics leaders in the University of Gabon:
- Guy Martial Nkiet, Full Professor, University of Masuku (USTM)
- Philibert Nang, Professor, 2011 ICTP Ramanujan Prize Laureate, Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS)
- Estimated number of mathematical research publications (in well known journals) produced by researchers working in Gabon: 65.
- Number of research publications per year produced recently:
- 2013:7, 2012:6, 2011:2, 2010:3, 2009:3, 2008:6

As it is well known, in the sub-Saharan Africa, there are a lot of impediments to students and researchers in obtaining the kind of education and research they need: the lack of books, of financial support, of high technology tools and, subsequently, of day-to-day information, to cite a few, are among the many factors in the weakness of the research in such a specialised field. In fine, the present environment holds us back from fully expressing our capabilities.

We are deeply grateful to the Executive Committee and the members of the International Mathematical Union (IMU) for accepting Gabon as an Associate member. This is a great opportunity for researchers of our country to interact with mathematicians of the world.

Yours sincerely, Philibert Nang

Philibert Nang

# <u>APPLICATION of PAPUA NEW GUINEA for Associater Membership</u> Presentation by Samuel J.L. KOPAMU

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is applying to become an IMU associate member

A developing country in the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea has a population of 7.5 million people, located just north of Australia, and shares boarders with Indonesia on the west and Solomon Islands in the east.

# **UNIVERSITIES IN PNG**

- 1. University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), Port Moresby.
- 2. PNG University of Technology (UNITECH), Lae.
- 3. University of Goroka (UOG), Goroka.
- 4. Pacific Adventist University (PAU), Port Moresby.
- 5. Divine Word University (DWU)
- 6. Vudal University (VU), Rabaul.

# PNG Mathematical Society (PNGMS)

The PNG Mathematical Society (PNGMS) was formed in 2013 during ICPAM-LAE, and the process of incorporation is now complete.

PNGMS Executive Committee:

- President: Dr. Samuel J.L. Kopamu (UOG)
- V/President: Mr. Samson Menganeng (UNITECH)
- Secretary General: Dr. Cecilia Nembou (DWU)
- Treasurer: Mr. Wilson Tovirika (UNITECH)
- Deputy Treasurer: Mrs. Vagi Bino (UOG)
- Publicity Officers: Mrs. Sharon Pingi and Mr. Rex (UPNG)
- Mathematical Journal: South Pacific Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics.
- Annual Mathematical Conferences: ICPAM-GOROKA(2014), University of Goroka



Application for Associate Membership

- 1. Number of PhD holders in mathematics : 10
- 2. Number of national Phd holders in mathematics: 6 (3 in mathematics education+ 3 in pure and applied mathematics)
- 3. Number of MSc holders in mathematics : 12 nationals
- 4. Numbers of mathematics papers published annually : 5-10
- 5. Number of postgraduates (Honors and Masters) annually: 2
- 6. Number of Universities: 6
- 7. Membership of PNG Mathematical Society: 50
- 8. No organized mathematical activity at present other than annual conferences ICPAM-LAE(2013), ICPAM-GOROKA(2014), etc.

As a developing country, there are a lot of impediments to students and researchers in Papua New Guinea to obtaining the kind of education and research we need.

It is our hope that the acceptance of our application by IMU as associate membership will be a great opportunity for us to interact with mathematicians of the world, and thereby have access to resources and skills presently not available in the country.

# **<u>APPLICATION of Senegal for Associate Membership</u> Presentation by Babacar M. Ndiaye**

Short history

✓ The beginning of the academic mathematics history in Senegal goes back to the year 1957, when the first University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (UCAD) was founded by the French colonial administration.



- ✓ Its initial academic activities (teaching and academic program) were coordinated by the French administration until the year 1970.
- ✓ Now Senegal counts 5 universities with a Mathematics department each and 2 institutes with branches in mathematics.

Universities / Institutions	Permanent members
UCAD	54
UGB	14
University Assane Seck of Ziguinchor (UASZ)	11
University Alioune Diop of Bambey (UADB)	9
University of Thiès and the Polytechnic School	6
African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Senegal (AIMS Senegal)	4

Achievements

- ✓ There are two doctoral schools in Mathematical Sciences in UCAD (in 2008) and UGB (in 2012) created by Senegalese nationals with more than 80 PhD students in total.
- ✓ Each doctoral school is constituted by several research laboratories in mathematics and their applications.
- ✓ Since their implementations, more than 25 PhD students defended their PhD in mathematics.
- ✓ UCAD:
  - 1. Laboratory of Algebra, Cryptology, Algebraic Geometry and Applications
    - Homological algebra, Noncommutative algebraic geometry, cryptography on elliptic curves, etc.
  - 2. Laboratory of Geometry and Applications
    - Differential Geometry, Control theory, Complex Geometry, Riemannian and Hyperbolic Geometries.
  - 3. Laboratory of Computer Science
  - $\checkmark$  QOS, Mobility and network security, etc.
  - 4. Laboratory of Applied Mathematics
    - Probability and Statistics, PDE, Optimization, Numerical Analysis, Functional analysis.
  - 5. Laboratory of Mathematics of Decision and Numerical Analysis
    - PDE, Geometrical Analysis of Optimal Shapes, Operations Research, Optimization, Numerical Analysis.
- ✓ UGB:
  - 1. Laboratory of Numerical Analysis and Computer Sciences
    - ✓ PDE, Control, Calculus of variations, Information system and database, Coding and cryptography, etc.
  - 2. Laboratory of Studies and Research in Statistics and Development
    - ✓ Statistical methods and probabilities, chronological series, Statistical studies of poverty indicators, etc.
- ✓ The SMS was formed in December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1987 from the initiative of some professors interested in the fostering of mathematics in Senegal.
- ✓ In 2008, Pr. Mamadou Sanghare was elected as the president of the Society, a position he occupies until today.
- ✓ Originally, the **main goal of the SMS** was
  - 1. the improvement of the quality of education in mathematics at all levels countrywide
  - 2. and to provide an environment where Senegalese mathematicians can exchange ideas and devise concrete actions (aiming at the enhancement of the general background conditions for both research and education in mathematics in Senegal).
- ✓ Over the last 5 years several international workshops, schools and conferences in mathematical sciences were organized in the country:

Year	International workshops, schools and conferences
2014	8
2013	5
2012	6
2011	4
2010	4
2009	2

✓ According to the mathscinet databases mathematicians from Senegal have published approximately 544 papers from 2008 to 2014 (only from January to June 2014, we recorded 47 papers).

Year	Number of published papers (from Mathscinet)
2009	82
2010	80
2011	109

2012	112
2013	114

Perspectives

- It is clear from the above achievements how the **Senegalese community of mathematicians** increases in size and in variety.
- In the last 15 years strong **research partnerships** have been initiated. Many of the above laboratories share their master programs and sandwich PhD programs with western laboratories: Canada, France, Germany, Spain, United States, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, etc.
- The donors: the Humboldt foundation; German Academic Exchange Service; IDRC (International Development Research Centre); Simons foundation; World Bank; ICTP; UNESCO-BREDA; IRD; DFID (Department for International Development); Qatar Foundation; Robert Bosch Foundation; AFD (Agence Francaise de Développement); AUF (Agence Nationale de la Francophonie), UEMOA (Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine) etc. continue the funding of mathematical research activities in the country.
- **The politics**: The National Consultation for Higher Education recently held and its results approved by the recent Presidential Council on Higher Education convened in August 2013 recommends in this respect that the percentage of the University budgets for research be increased through :
  - ✓ **Increasing endowment** through additional State contribution.
  - ✓ The **increase of the budgets** for research groups and laboratories.

For more information about Senegal and scientific research in Senegal: <u>http://www.gouv.sn/, http://www.recherche.gouv.sn/</u>

# 19.4. Membership applications balloting: Papua New Guinea, Senegal

The IMU Executive Committee has reviewed the applications of Papua New Guinea and Senegal and recommended to accept the applications.

# <u>The General Assembly voted on the application for Associate Membership of Papua</u> <u>New Guinea and approved the application. As of September 2014 Papua New Guinea is</u> an Associate Member of the International Mathematical Union.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# <u>The General Assembly voted on the application for Associate Membership of Senegal</u> and approved the application. As of September 2014 Senegal is an Associate Member of the International Mathematical Union.

*VOTE* (by show of hands): *IN FAVOR* = *UNANIMOUS* 

# 20. Miscellaneous

No request was put forward.

# 21. Any other item with the permission of the President

No request was put forward.

The President thanked all GA attendants for coming, she thanked the local organizers for the excellent organization and smooth running of the meeting. The President declared the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly closed.