

Resolutions of the IMU General Assembly 2010

Resolution 1

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its deep gratitude to the Organizing Committee of the ICM 2010 chaired by M.S.Raghunathan and to the Organizing Committee of the General Assembly chaired by G. Misra for their excellent organization, their special efforts in helping delegates in obtaining their visas and their warm welcome to delegates.

Resolution 2

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its deep appreciation to the Executive Committee, especially to the IMU President László Lovász and to the IMU Secretary Martin Grötschel, as well as to the chair of the Program Committee Hendrik Lenstra, for their excellent work during the period 2007-2010.

Resolution 3

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its gratitude to the Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum in Berlin for their generous support to the IMU.

Resolution 4

The General Assembly of the IMU thanks Mireille Chaleyat-Maurel, Cecilia Kulczár and Sylwia Markwardt for their multiple contributions to the IMU.

Resolution 5

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its gratitude to those bodies that have contributed to the Special Development Fund in the past four years.

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.

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.

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.

Resolution 9

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

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.

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.

Resolution 12

The General Assembly of the IMU expresses its gratitude to all institutions which showed their support for IMU by putting in a bid or otherwise considering the possibility of hosting IMU's Stable Office.

Resolution 13

The General Assembly of the IMU approves an increase of dues of 2% per year for the years 2011-2014, not to be revised before the next meeting of the GA.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

Resolution 19

The General Assembly of the IMU shares the concerns expressed by the World Science Forum organized in Budapest, November 2009, by IMU, ICMI, and ICIAM, and strongly endorses its call for an international effort to improve mathematical research, education and awareness in all countries, and asks UNESCO, together with the scientific community, to take the lead in launching such an initiative.

Resolution 20

The General Assembly of the IMU continues to endorse the principle of Universality of Science expressed in the International Council for Science (ICSU) ARTICLE 5 of the STATUTES, as adopted by the 1998 General Assembly, and endorses the additional ICSU Statement on the Universality of Science (2004). Notwithstanding heightened tensions, security concerns, etc., the General Assembly of the IMU urges free exchange of scientific ideas and free circulation of scientists and mathematicians across international borders. The IMU opposes actions by governments and other organizations to restrict contacts, interactions, access and travel in the international mathematical community, particularly when such restrictions penalize individual mathematicians for the actions of their governments.

Resolution 21

The General Assembly of the IMU resolves that the next meeting of the General Assembly be held at a time and place conveniently linked to the International Congress of Mathematicians in Seoul, Korea, in 2014.