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## Statutes for the ICM Emmy Noether Lecture

*As decided by the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2002 with  
subsequent changes*

### Preamble

The ICM Emmy Noether Lecture is named after the eminent German mathematician Emmy Noether (1882–1935). The Association for Women in Mathematics started the series of annual one-hour expository Noether Lectures presented by a female mathematician. In 1994, 1998, and 2002 special additional Emmy Noether lectures were presented at the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) of these years. The IMU General Assembly in Shanghai 2002 decided to continue this tradition by holding an Emmy Noether lecture at the next two ICMs. At the General Assembly in Bangalore in 2010 the Emmy Noether Lectures were adopted as a permanent ICM tradition. To distinguish between the two series of Noether lectures it was decided to use the name ICM Emmy Noether Lecture for the lecture given at an ICM.

### Statutes

1. At each ICM there is to be a one-hour plenary lecture named the ICM Emmy Noether Lecture that honors women who have made fundamental and sustained contributions to the mathematical sciences.
2. The ICM Emmy Noether Lecture is to be presented by a female mathematician who has made fundamental and sustained contributions to the mathematical sciences.
3. The Lecturer receives a plaque with a portrait of Emmy Noether.
4. The ICM Emmy Noether Lecture Committee that decides the Lecturer, is chosen by the Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union. The Committee must abide by the IMU Guidelines regarding conflicts of interest in its deliberations. The name of the Chair of the Committee is made public, but the names of other members of the Committee remain anonymous until the award of the prize at the Congress.
5. An ICM Emmy Noether Lecture Committee consists of about five mathematicians with at least one male member. The Committee's task is to invite proposals for the ICM Emmy Noether lecture (using the standard IMU channels and other means) and to produce a ranked list of three names to be forwarded via the IMU Secretary to the chair of the Program Committee of the ICM at which the ICM Emmy Noether Lecture is going to be presented. The ICM Program Committee will make the final selection of the speaker.
6. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the Lecture Committee Chair. Any nomination should contain the name and affiliation of candidate and a description of the work that qualifies the candidate for the lecture, written in terms that are accessible to mathematicians of different backgrounds, including references to the candidate's important publications. Nominations are confidential, and must not be disclosed to the candidate. Self-nominations are strongly discouraged. The Committee is free to consider persons not nominated.

7. An ICM Emmy Noether Lecturer cannot have been a Plenary Speaker at an earlier ICM and can give the ICM Emmy Noether Lecture only once.
8. No person can be an ICM Emmy Noether Lecturer while serving on the IMU Executive Committee.