

International Mathematical Union



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

IMU General Assembly (GA) in Gyeongju, Korea

Dear colleagues,

This is an announcement about the next IMU General Assembly including some technical details in order to give you information about what to expect and what to do.

1. Time and Location

The next General Assembly meeting of the International Mathematical Union will take place
on August 10-11, 2014

in Gyeongju, Korea.

The venue of the General Assembly meeting will be the Hyundai Hotel in Gyeongju, see http://www.hyundaihotel.com/gyeongju_en/index.jsp.

The local organizers have reserved 150 rooms in the Hyundai Hotel for the delegates of the General Assembly meeting. Rooms can also be booked by GA delegates in the Commodore Hotel (<http://www.commodorehotel.co.kr/eng/html/main/index.php>) which is close to the GA hotel. See hotel information, room rates and room reservation details on the GA Web page <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/hotel>.

Delegates are expected to arrive on August 9. The GA meeting ends in the evening of August 11. For August 12, the GA organizers offer to all registered GA participants and accompanying persons a bus tour from Gyeongju to Seoul that will include a guided visit to Andong Hahoe Folk Village.

2. The General Assembly (basic information)

The role of the GA is described in the IMU Statutes, see <http://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/IMU/Statutes2010.pdf> in particular in the articles 18 to 24, and 41.

3. Delegations

For each General Assembly meeting, each IMU Member Adhering Organization shall appoint and certify to the Secretary of the Union a delegation, which shall have the number of votes corresponding to the Group in which it adheres, see Statutes Article 19 and <http://www.mathunion.org/members/countries> for information about the groups.

I would like to ask all Adhering Organizations to start selecting their delegates for the IMU General Assembly meeting in Gyeongju and to nominate the delegations in a letter (by e-mail please) to me (secretary@mathunion.org). This request applies to

- all IMU Members

- all IMU Associate Members and
- all IMU Affiliate Members.

Please note that only the Delegates of IMU Members have voting rights at the GA, however. Affiliate and Associate Members have the right to participate in the GA by a representative without voting rights.

In my capacity as Secretary, I will maintain the list of Delegates (together with the nomination letters) so that there is proof of which persons have the right to vote at the GA.

A Web registration procedure for the GA participants has been set up, see below for more information about the registration system and data needed from each GA participant.

In case it turns out that a formally nominated Delegate will be unable to participate in the GA and the Adhering Organization wishes to nominate a substitute you are asked to contact me by e-mail or phone in due course. We will try to handle the replacement as smoothly as possible.

Gender distribution at the GA

I would like to recall that it was noted at previous General Assembly meetings that the gender distribution was not “ideal”. It would be excellent if the Adhering Organizations could take gender distribution as one criterion into account when they choose the composition of Delegates for the General Assembly in Gyeongju.

4. Other GA participants

The IMU EC will invite further persons to the General Assembly. Among these are

- IMU Officers (this group includes the IMU EC members, and Chairs/Presidents/Secretaries of IMU Commissions and Committees who will provide reports about their activities for IMU)
- Observers (this group includes representatives of countries that will present their application for IMU (Associate) Membership and, moreover, representatives of ICSU, ICIAM, and possibly other IMU related organizations)
- Members of the local GA organization in Gyeongju

No person in one of the categories mentioned here has a voting right at the GA.

Note: No person will be allowed to participate in the GA without a formal approval or invitation from me.

5. Web server, formal registration process, hotel booking

The local organizing committee in Gyeongju has set up a Web server with information about the GA:

<http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/imuga2014>

(also accessible from the bottom right corner of the ICM homepage <http://www.icm2014.org/>).

This server contains the online registration form, travel and visa information, maps, and many further details. It will be updated regularly and will be employed to keep all delegates informed.

Details of the online registration process for the IMU General Assembly in Gyeongju

After the nomination of the delegations by the Adhering Organizations (in a letter to me) and the approved nomination/invitation of the persons mentioned under item 4., all Delegates, IMU Officers, Observers and Members of the local organization are requested to register for the GA in detail on

The online registration page at: <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/registration>.

On this Web site all GA participants are asked to provide certain information about themselves such as affiliation, address, contact phone numbers, e-mail and the like, and give other details.

Also accompanying persons have to be registered here.

Here is a brief guide through the registration Web site:

- Click on “IMU GA 2014 Registration Form”
- You will now be asked for the “Registration Password” (sent to you in an e-mail from the IMU Secretariat)
- This password is GYEONGJU
- Clicking on “Submit” opens the registration form. Complete the Personal Information boxes, check the box that identifies your registration category, provide information in case someone is accompanying you, indicate whether you will attend the social events offered, provide flight information as well as accommodation information.

The GA participants are requested to submit registration by May 31, 2014.

For accommodation/hotel see: <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/hotel>.

The Hyundai Hotel and the Commodore Hotel are the conference hotels offered for reservations. Please submit your reservations with the special GA reservation forms. The GA participants are asked to make hotel reservations by July 3, 2014.

For getting to Gyeongju see: <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/transportation>.

Here 4 options to get to Gyeongju are presented. Option 01 is for arrival at Busan (Gimhae International Airport), option 03 is for arrival at Seoul (Gimpo International Airport), and options 02 and 04 are for arrival at Incheon (Incheon International Airport, which is close to Seoul). Clicking on the Option 01 (or 02, 03, 04) button opens below it the detailed itinerary including times and fares.

Free shuttle transfer from Singyeongju KTX station (see option 03 and option 04) to the GA venue (Hyundai Hotel), from Gyeongju Express Bus Terminal (see option 01) to the GA venue (Hyundai Hotel), and from Gyeongju Bus Terminal (see option 02) to the GA venue (Hyundai Hotel) will be provided during 9 am – 9 pm on August 9.

For the Tentative General Schedule see: <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/schedule>.

For visa issues see: <http://www.icm2014.org/en/events/imu/visa>.

You have to go to this page if you need an invitation letter. Click on https://www.icm2014.org/imu/imu_invitation.asp in order to open the invitation letter application form. If you want to submit an invitation letter application you must have registered for the GA beforehand.

The GA Web site also provides information on the Additional Tour program as well as general information.

After completing your first visit to the GA registration page you will immediately get a confirmation e-mail providing your personal user name and password with which you can enter the registration pages in the future to complete or change your data. Please don't forget to record this user name and password.

If you need assistance concerning this matter please write to imuqa@icm2014.org.

6. Agenda topics and next steps

I would like to remind all Adhering Organizations of Articles 38, 39, and 42 of the By-Laws:

"The Adhering Organizations, and the Commissions of the Union may propose business to be transacted at meetings of the General Assembly. Such proposals shall reach the Secretary at least four months before the meeting at which they are to be considered."

"The agenda for a meeting of the General Assembly shall be dispatched by the Executive Committee to the Adhering Organizations at least three months before the meeting at which they are to be considered. A question which has not been put upon the agenda may be discussed, but shall not be put to the vote unless a proposal to that effect be approved by a majority of the total number of votes assigned to the Members."

"The Executive Committee shall present an annual report on its activities and those of the Union to each Adhering Organization and shall also report on its activities and those of the Union at each ordinary meeting of the General Assembly. The report to the General Assembly shall be dispatched by the Secretary to the Adhering Organizations at least two months before the meeting at which it is to be received."

Summarizing:

- If you want to propose a GA agenda topic, please send your request to me by April 9, 2014, if possible, via e-mail to secretary@mathunion.org.
- Expect to receive the GA agenda by May 9, 2014.
- Expect to receive the EC report (IMU Bulletin 64) by June 9, 2014.

7. Local contact in Gyeongju

If you have any questions about the local arrangements for the General Assembly at Gyeongju or need assistance, please contact

- imuga@icm2014.org.

Sincerely,

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IMU Secretary