

# International Mathematical Union



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To: IMU Adhering Organizations and all registered participants (delegates and observers,...) of the IMU General Assembly in Gyeongju, Korea

From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

## **GA Agenda and further GA information, part III**

Dear colleagues,

This is (most likely) the final letter to the IMU Adhering Organizations and participants (delegates and observers,...) of the meeting of the IMU General Assembly on August 10 and 11, 2014 in Gyeongju, Korea.

(Be aware: The material provided contains so much information that you will probably have no time to watch a movie on your long-distance flight to Korea if you intend to arrive prepared for the GA, ☺).

### 1. Final GA meeting Agenda

The attachment contains the final agenda of the GA meeting. Names (marked green) behind a topic indicate who will present the item. In very few cases final decisions have not been made yet.

This agenda can still be modified at the beginning of the meeting, and topics may be shifted if that appears sensible (e.g., for timing reasons).

### 2. Bulletin No. 64 and its Appendices I and II

For many of the agenda topics, documents have been prepared that are the basis of the discussion or presentation. These documents (and additional information about IMU and its members) are contained in IMU Bulletin No. 64 which has 2 appendices.

This Bulletin and the appendices will be made available by August 1, 2014 on the IMU GA 2014 Web site (briefly GA server) at

<http://www.mathunion.org/GA2014/>

The user name and the password can be obtained from the IMU Secretary.

The Bulletin and its appendices will not be distributed in print (please print yourself whatever you need in printed form), but every GA participant will get a USB stick containing these data at the On-Site GA Registration Desk (on August 9 in Hyundai and Commodore Hotel, on August 10 and 11 in Hyundai Hotel).

Please note that, for every agenda item which is accompanied by a document, the agenda contains a pointer (marked brown) to the related document in the Bulletin or its appendices.

Important: The information about the slates and the CVs of the candidates for IMU positions are confidential and are not contained in the Bulletin or its appendices. They can be found on the GA server, see above.

### 3. Appendix I of Bulletin No. 64

3.1. Appendix I contains items that may need discussion at the GA meeting. That is why we have separated these from the Bulletin and distribute App. I as pdf-document in the attachment.

There are, in particular, various guidelines that are presented for the approval of the GA. These guidelines, as the Executive Committee hopes, are supposed to provide the rules (or form the bases) of various IMU activities. Guidelines are presented for:

- Joint commissions with other Unions
- The organization of General Assembly meetings
- Bidding for the organization of an ICM
- Handling of conflicts of interest
- Archiving of IMU material
- IMU membership applications.

3.2 Moreover, Appendix I contains the proposal of the IMU EC for the membership of the committees that have to be set up at the beginning of the GA meeting (Credentials, Tellers,...). The EC members responsible for the proposals have made a joint effort to suggest committees that are well-balanced with respect to various criteria.

3.3 Appendix I also contains the document "Recommendation on the evaluation of individual researchers in the mathematical sciences" which is meant to provide some guidelines about the way mathematicians are supposed to be evaluated as individuals and discusses the pros and cons involved.

#### 4. New Associate IMU Members

Papua New Guinea and Senegal have applied for Associate Membership. The application material is contained in Bulletin 64. The IMU Executive Committee recommends acceptance. The applications are up for vote at the GA meeting (see agenda item 16). Please make yourself familiar with these cases.

#### 5. GA meeting Participants

The list of GA participants (registered by July 25) is also attached.

#### 6. Technical Information about the GA meeting

The local GA organizing committee has provided an information sheet with many of the details about the "technical GA aspects" you probably want to know. Please study the attached document before you start your trip to Gyeongju. The travel information may be of particular importance.

Looking forward to seeing you in Gyeongju very soon, and please make yourself familiar with the material presented in Bulletin No. 64 and its two appendices!

Best wishes

Martin Grötschel

P.S.:

(a) I assume that most GA participants will attend the ICM Opening Ceremony on August 13. Please do not forget to bring your passport along.

(b) You may know that the IMU CDC organizes the MENAO Symposium in Seoul on August 12, see <http://www.mathunion.org/cdc/menao/>, but I would also like to point you to <http://www.mathunion.org/cdc/research-and-useful-links/> where yesterday new "Regional Studies" on Challenges and Opportunities for Mathematics in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean have been released.