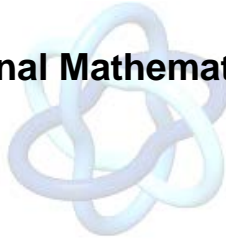


International Mathematical Union



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IMU AO Circular Letter 3/2016

To: The Adhering Organizations of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary

Possible adjustments of the rules for IMU awards

Dear colleagues,

At the previous General Assembly (GA) in 2014, various issues regarding IMU awards, and in particular, the Fields Medal, were discussed. Specifically, the following resolution (Resolution 11, complete text attached) was passed, asking for an ad-hoc committee to 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 Executive Committee (EC) of the IMU established an ad-hoc committee, chaired by John Ball (previous President of IMU) to consider these issues and formulate recommendations. The ad-hoc committee's report (attached) was presented by John Ball at the IMU EC meeting that took place on April 2–3, 2016, in Kyoto.

The recommendation of the ad-hoc committee is to impose no changes in the rules governing the IMU awards. The IMU EC decided unanimously to follow the recommendation of the ad-hoc committee.

The ad-hoc committee report is sent to you for consideration. Possible changes would have to be decided at the GA in 2018. If you want to make a proposal regarding this issue, please send it to secretary@mathunion.org no later than

January 1, 2018.

Sincerely

Helge Holden
Secretary of the International Mathematical Union