International Mathematical Union

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To: IMU Adhering Organizations

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary

Postal Ballot 1/15 IMU legal representative

Dear colleagues,

As you know, the IMU Secretariat in Berlin is established in cooperation with the Weierstrass Institute (WIAS). The cooperation is governed by an agreement between the IMU and WIAS. The second paragraph in item 2.1 of the agreement states that

"The IMU is not a legal entity, there is no legal representative who is authorized to sign on behalf of IMU in general. To enter into a binding agreement with the IMU a decision of the General Assembly is necessary. The legal domicile of IMU shall be located at the IMU Secretariat."

By an oversight, we forgot to pass a resolution at the General Assembly last year to the effect that the Secretary of the IMU is authorized to sign on behalf of IMU. We are thus asking the Adhering Organizations (AO) to pass this resolution by a postal ballot.

You are asked to vote on the following resolution:

"The Secretary of the IMU is authorized to sign on behalf of IMU in general as its legal representative."

Each AO of member countries will receive a voting slip in regular mail only with three alternatives (approve/against/abstain), and you are asked to fill out and return the voting slip (regular mail/email/fax) to the IMU Secretariat no later than May 31, 2015. Together with the voting slip you will receive the full cooperation agreement between IMU and the WIAS.

Sincerely

Helge Holden Secretary of the International Mathematical Union