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IMU AO Circular Letter 8/2018

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

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary

IMU General Assembly Agenda and further GA information (No 3)

Dear colleagues,

This letter provides information about the meeting of the IMU General Assembly (GA) on 29–30 July, 2018 in São Paulo, Brazil. It covers the following topics:

1. GA Agenda
2. Papers for the GA meeting
3. Slates for the IMU offices
4. Nominated IMU President and Secretary
5. GA registration, etc.

Please read with care.

1. GA Agenda

According to Article 39 of the By-Laws of the IMU Statutes, the agenda for the meeting of the GA has to be dispatched to the Adhering Organizations (AOs) at least three months before the meeting. The Statutes are at: <http://www.mathunion.org/organization/statutes>.

The AOs were asked in Circular Letter 4/2018 to propose by 29 March items for the agenda. No proposals were received. The attached GA Agenda was decided by the Executive Committee at its meeting in March 2018.

Article 39 of the By-Laws says that “a question which has not been put on the agenda may be discussed, but shall not be put to the vote unless a proposal to that effect be approved by the majority of the total number of votes assigned to the members.” Thus, any further issue that an AO wants to be put up for vote, needs special treatment at the GA meeting.

We will have a very tight schedule, so there is not much room for “ad-hoc topics” proposed at the GA meeting itself. Please keep this in mind.

The attached agenda is close to but not yet final, since there are still a few items that are pending, and it remains to determine if and how they will appear on the agenda.

The GA will decide on the host for the ICM in 2022, see item 7 of the agenda.

The IMU will give countries interested in organizing the ICM in 2026 the possibility to pre-announce at this GA their plans to bid, see item 19.1 of the agenda. Therefore, we ask countries that are contemplating to do so, to send an email to the IMU Secretary by 1 June. A country can still make a formal bid when the official call is announced without having pre-announced it at this GA.

2. Papers for the GA meeting

The IMU Secretariat in Berlin will prepare all the papers for the GA meeting for easy download from a password protected web site.
Further information will follow in due time.

No printed material will be distributed to the delegates at the meeting in São Paulo. We expect all participants to print those documents that they find necessary to have at the GA meeting and to bring them to São Paulo.

Please also bring a printed copy of the latest version of the GA Agenda (made available briefly before the meeting).

3. Slates for the IMU offices

Slates for all IMU offices are currently being prepared by the Nominating Committee (NC) – chaired by former IMU Secretary Martin Grötschel. The slates will be distributed, according to our Procedures for Election, see:

https://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/IMU/EC/Procedures_for_Election_2016-04-22.pdf
by 29 May 2018.

4. Nominated IMU President and Secretary

As communicated in Circular Letters 6 & 9/2017, the NC has nominated
IMU President 2019–2022: Carlos Kenig (USA/Argentina)
IMU Secretary 2019–2022: Helge Holden (Norway) (incumbent).

5. GA registration, etc.

All IMU Adhering Organizations that have not nominated their delegates are strongly encouraged to do so **now**. The deadline for registration is 20 May.

The IMU CL 4/2018, see <https://www.mathunion.org/membership/circular-letters-adhering-organizations>, provides full information about the time and location, registration, etc.

I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo!

Regards

Helge Holden
Secretary of the International Mathematical Union