

International Mathematical Union



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

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary General

Updated Contact Information

Dear colleagues,

Contact information

I will shortly send out individual emails to all IMU members regarding your country's contact information for the IMU.

The most recent contact information regarding the IMU members can be found [here](#).

We will send you the email addresses that we use when we contact your country. Please take time to check if you want us to update them.

Please reply to me with Cc to manager@mathunion.org

- Confirming that the information above is correct, or
- Sending corrected/updated information.

Advice re email addresses

In order to establish and maintain reliable and sustainable connections with the IMU, the following steps are recommended:

1. Create generic addresses like "president@mathsociety.country", which will remain unchanged. Emails to a generic address can be forwarded to the person(s) holding the office.
2. Emails sent from the IMU should be received by at least two different recipients. I frequently receive automatic replies saying "I am away from my email", often covering long time periods of absence.
3. Give us at least two different email addresses, preferably using different mail servers. If we have only one email address for a country, and that address ceases to work, we will be unable to discover that you did not receive our email, and, thus, we will lose contact with your country.

4. Please try to maintain the email addresses you give us and send us updates if necessary. We reserve the right to remove addresses that constantly bounce.
5. Please create a stable URL for your Adhering Organization.

Fraud alerts

The IMU is regularly exposed to attempted frauds, usually in the form of emails requesting immediate transfer of money due to some emergency. The emails appear to be sent in the name of the IMU President or other IMU representatives. The perpetrators reveal some knowledge of the IMU and their emails can appear somewhat authentic, but closer scrutiny of the email reveals that the IMU is not the sender. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the IMU never requests money on an individual basis. Please do not respond to these emails and beware of sending money. Please report all such communications to me.

Sincerely

Helge Holden
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union