



International Mathematical Union

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Updated Contact Information

Dear colleagues

This is the first email I am sending out in my capacity as IMU Secretary General since taking office on 1 January 2023. I very much look forward to working and engaging with IMU members over the course of the 2023–2026 term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Helge Holden for all his work, dedication and commitment to the IMU – as you know, there were some very challenging moments during his term – and moreover for all his help during the transition period.

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:

<https://www.mathunion.org/membership/imu-members>

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 regarding email addresses

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

- 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.
- Emails sent from the IMU should be received by at least two different recipients, 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. Similarly, having at least two recipients helps ensure communication is maintained in situations such as individual prolonged absences etc.

— Please try and maintain the email addresses you give us and send us updates if necessary. We reserve the right to remove addresses that constantly bounce.

— Please create a stable URL for your Adhering Organization.

Electronic voting

Following the successful introduction of electronic voting at the 19th IMU General Assembly in July 2022, we intend to hold future ballots via the electronic voting system during this term. For this, we will need each voting member to specify a single email address (further details will be included in the individual email you will receive shortly).

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. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the IMU never requests money on an individual basis.

Fraudulent emails often appear to be sent in the name of the IMU President or other IMU office holders, and can seem quite authentic, but closer scrutiny of the email reveals that the IMU is not the sender. Please also note that emails sent from the IMU President or IMU Secretary General are digitally signed (S/MIME certification) and have a signature with the IMU Logo below. Any other email should be considered as suspicious, in which case please do not respond to it and report it to me.

Kind Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union