



International Mathematical Union

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Call for nominations to the Nominating Committee of the IMU

Dear colleagues

This email marks the beginning of the preparations of the next meeting of the IMU General Assembly (GA) to be held in New York City, USA, on 20–21 July 2026. Adhering Organizations of Associate Members and Affiliate Members receive this letter for information only.

Following the Procedures for Election, a Nominating Committee (NC) is to be formed this year, whose task it will be to present slates of nominations to the Adhering Organizations (AOs) prior to the GA meeting in New York City. Every AO is requested to nominate at most one person for this NC.

The NC is one of the most important IMU committees since it has a strong influence on the composition of the IMU leadership for the term 2027–2030.

The role of the NC is described in detail in the [Procedures for Election](#).

The duty of the NC is to present a slate to the GA for candidates for membership of the IMU Executive Committee (EC), Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), and International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM) for the term 2027–2030, see below.

The composition of the NC is as follows:

- (a) IMU President
- (b) NC Chair (chosen by the IMU President).
- (c) Three other persons (chosen at random from AO nominations).
- (d) Two persons with experience of the IMU (chosen jointly by the NC Chair and the IMU President).

This call for nominations concerns the three persons mentioned under item (c).

The IMU EC asks for the nomination of persons

- who are not current members of the IMU EC,
- who are willing to serve, and
- who do not work in the same country as the NC Chair or the IMU President.

The IMU President Hiraku Nakajima has chosen Helge Holden (IMU Secretary General 2015–2022) as the Chair of the NC. In particular, this implies that no person working in Japan or in Norway can be nominated.

Among the three persons chosen at random mentioned under item (c) above, one person is to be chosen from nominations submitted by Groups I and II, one person chosen from nominations submitted by Groups III and IV and one person chosen from nominations submitted by Group V. Each AO may submit one name of a person who is willing to serve. If there are no nominations in one of these three categories, then a person will be chosen at random from the other two categories.

All submissions are to be sent via email to the IMU Secretary General at secretary@mathunion.org. All email submissions must be sent from an official email address of the AO. Email submissions will be acknowledged.

Additional requirements:

- Every nomination of a candidate has to be accompanied by a statement of the candidate that they are willing to serve.
- No member of the NC will be eligible to hold an office for 2027–2030 on the IMU EC, CDC or ICHM.

The deadline for receipt of nominations from which a random selection will be made is
1 August 2024

The NC is scheduled to be complete by 1 October 2024, and according to the tradition, the AOs will be informed about its composition at that time.

Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union

Duties of the IMU Nominating Committee

- (a) Nomination slates will be formed for the IMU Executive Committee (EC), the IMU Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), and the International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM).
- (b) The slates for the commissions will be formed taking advice from the current officers of these commissions, but this advice is not binding on the IMU Nominating Committee.
- (c) The IMU Nominating Committee will nominate one name for the position of President of IMU, Secretary General of IMU, President of CDC, and Secretaries of CDC, and one name for each of the two Vice Presidents of IMU.

The IMU Nominating Committee will nominate at least two more names than the number of Members-at-Large of the IMU EC, at least two names for each of the three positions for CDC Members-at-Large in representation of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and at least two more names than the number of ICHM representatives.