Report on the IMU General Assembly Santiago de Compostela

19-20 August, 2006

Finances of IMU

- Dues unit increases for countries in Groups IV and V
- 5% increase in dues per year for each of the next four years.

Will pay for the increased activities of IMU, especially with respect to developing countries.

Guidelines for Scientific Program of future ICMs (to appear on web)

General purpose of ICMs

Every ICM should reflect the current activity of mathematics in the world, present the best work being carried out in all mathematical subfields and different regions of the world, and thus point to the future of mathematics. The invited speakers at an ICM should be mathematicians of the highest quality who are able to present current research to a broad mathematical audience.

Selected Resolutions

Resolution 8

The General Assembly of the IMU reaffirms the importance of the issues treated by ICMI (the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction). It recognizes the importance of continuing and strengthening the relationship of IMU with ICMI and urges the increased involvement of research mathematicians in mathematical education at all levels.

Resolution 9

With the ultimate goal of creating an enduring network of digital mathematical literature, the General Assembly of the IMU endorses the new version of the "Best practices" document of its Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC), posted June 2005 at http://www.ceic.math.ca, as well as the March 2005 draft of "Digital Mathematical Library: a vision for the Future".

Resolution 10

The General Assembly of the IMU continues to endorse the principle of universality expressed in the International Council for Science (ICSU) ARTICLE 5 of the STATUTES, as adopted by the 1998 General Assembly, and endorses the additional ICSU Statement on the Universality of Science (2004). Notwithstanding heightened tensions, security concerns, etc., the General Assembly urges free exchange of scientific ideas and free circulation of scientists and mathematicians across international borders.

The IMU opposes efforts by governments to restrict contacts, interactions, access and travel in the world mathematical community, particularly when such restrictions penalize individual mathematicians for the actions of governments.

Resolution 11

The General Assembly recommends that the incoming Executive Committee of the IMU studies the establishment of stable administrative structure and funding mechanisms, including possible fund-raising, for the support of the expanding IMU activities, and report to the 2010 General Assembly with concrete proposals.

Location of ICM 2010

Hyderabad, India

How to keep informed about IMU

Look at the IMU webpages at www.mathunion.org

(where a full report of the General Assembly will appear)

 Subscribe to and read the IMU electronic newsletter IMU-Net (editor Mireille Chaleyat-Maurel)

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Statute changes and Procedures for Election

- New independent Nominating Committee structure for construction of slates
- ICMI Executive Committee to be elected by the ICMI General Assembly
- Increase of number of members-at-large on IMU Executive Committee from 5 to 6
- New category of Associate Membership of IMU (no dues, no votes, limited duration) to encourage full membership.

IMU Executive Committee 2007-2010

- President: L. Lovász (Hungary)
- Secretary: M. Grötschel (Germany)
- Vice Presidents: Z.-M. Ma (China), C. Procesi (Italy)
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New Commission for Developing Countries

Will unify the Commission on Development and Exchanges with the recently formed Developing Countries Strategy Group. The details and interim arrangements will be worked out by the Executive Committee.

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