



## International Mathematical Union

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To: The Adhering Organizations of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)  
From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

### Fraud Alert

Dear colleagues

This is a warning about an ongoing fraud attempt. Someone is sending out false emails in the name of IMU President Hiraku Nakajima, which fraudulently offer discounts relating to ICM 2026.

Here is an example:

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*From: Hiraku Nakajima <union.presidents@gmail.com> on behalf of Hiraku Nakajima <union.presidents@gmail.com>  
Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026 at 08.45  
To: XX  
Subject: The International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2026*

*Dear X*

*It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of global purpose that we invite you and other members of your association to participate in the upcoming International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM), to be held in Philadelphia, United States, from Thursday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 30, 2026.*

*Special discounts from our sponsors*

*Our Congress Executive Organizing Committee (execs) and its sponsors have negotiated discount rates with major airlines and hotel managements, and they have accepted a 25% discount from our delegates if we are to make group bookings for them. This is first of its kind to support and assist our intended delegates with their trip. This is a first come, first-served basis and due to high demand during this period, hotel availability may be limited. We advise that you secure your stay well in advance to ensure the best options at discount rates as more than 75% of the delegates coming for this congress have already benefited from this gesture.*

*Delegates/participants who wish to benefit from the 25% discount for the flight booking and hotel reservation should express their interest by sending an email immediately to our Congress Executive Local Organizing Committee Director of of ICM 2026(execs) Prof. Jalal Shatah on [icm2026.discount@execs.com](mailto:icm2026.discount@execs.com) for further information and guidelines.*

*We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia and to making ICM 2026 a success.*

*Warm regards,*

*Hiraku Nakajima*

*President of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)*

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These emails are fraudulent. Do not respond to them.

While such emails appear to be sent in the name of the IMU President or other IMU office holders, and can seem quite authentic, closer scrutiny of the email reveals that the IMU is not the sender.

Please note that all IMU email addresses have the format **<name>@mathunion.org** and this applies in particular to "Reply-To" addresses.

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.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union