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List of Abbreviations

AO	Adhering Organization
CDC	Commission for Developing Countries
CEIC	Committee on Electronic Information and Communication
CoD	Ad hoc Committee on Diversity
CoP	Committee on Publishing
CWM	Committee for Women in Mathematics
EC	Executive Committee
FIMU	Friends of the International Mathematical Union
GA	General Assembly
ICHM	International Commission on the History of Mathematics
ICM	International Congress of Mathematicians
ICMI	International Commission on Mathematical Instruction
IDM	International Day of Mathematics
IMU	International Mathematical Union
ISC	International Science Council
PC	Program Committee
SC	Structure Committee

Dear Members of the International Mathematical Union,

In 2025, the third year of the 2023–2026 term, the work of the IMU was heavily shaped by preparations for the 20th IMU General Assembly in New York City and the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2026 in Philadelphia, as well as by the continuing activities of its commissions and committees.

The annual meeting of the IMU Executive Committee (EC) took place at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences (INI) in Cambridge, United Kingdom, on March 7 and 8, 2025. The meeting was preceded by a series of mathematical colloquia and panels at INI on March 6 and 7, which brought together EC members, international visitors, and colleagues from across the UK.

The EC continued its work in preparation for ICM 2026 and the General Assembly, discussed matters related to IMU membership, finances, publishing, and the activities of the IMU commissions and committees, and reviewed procedures for the ICM 2030 bidding process.

Preparations for the 20th General Assembly advanced considerably during the year. In April 2025, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Helge Holden, proposed the nominees for IMU President and IMU Secretary General for the term 2027–2030. In June, a further call for nominations was issued for the positions of IMU Vice-Presidents, EC Members-at-Large, officers and regional members of the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), and the IMU representatives to the International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM). In July, the second communication regarding the General Assembly was sent out to Adhering Organizations. The meeting will take place in New York City on July 20 and 21, 2026, and will be held in hybrid format, allowing both in-person and remote participation.

Registration for ICM 2026 in Philadelphia opened in 2025. Adhering Organizations were asked to circulate the registration deadlines within their communities, with reduced-rate deadlines on August 1, 2025, and May 11, 2026. The work of the Program Committee and the prize committees duly continued in their respective remits.

The bidding cycle for the ICM in 2030 also progressed. The call for bids was issued in 2023, with a submission deadline of November 30, 2025. Following the deadline and an initial review of the bids received, the following venues (in alphabetical order) were recommended for further consideration:

Glasgow (11-19 July 2030)

Hong Kong (07-16 July 2030)

Tokyo (21-29 August 2030)

It will ultimately be the prerogative of delegates at the 20th General Assembly to decide on the winning bid.

In August 2025, Martin Hairer took over as Chair of the ICM Structure Committee, with the previous Chair, Terence Tao, continuing as a member-at-large. I would like to express the IMU's gratitude to Terence Tao for his leadership and dedicated service, and to Martin Hairer for taking on this important responsibility.

An important development in 2025 concerned the IMU Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC), which was renamed the Committee on

Publishing (CoP). The new name better reflects the committee's broader role in the rapidly changing landscape of mathematical publishing, communication, and research integrity. During the year, the IMU and the International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM) endorsed and circulated joint recommendations and a report on fraudulent publishing and citation cartels. These recommendations were prepared by a joint working group in close collaboration with CoP and address a matter of growing concern to the mathematical community. The IMU-CoP Panel at ICM 2026 will include a dedicated session on these questions.

A significant part of the IMU's work is carried out through its commissions and committees, whose reports are included in this Bulletin. The International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) began the term of its new Executive Committee for 2025–2028. Its first meeting took place at the IMU Secretariat in Berlin in March 2025. During the year, ICMI continued work on ICMI Studies 26 and 27, held the Study 27 conference in Quezon City in January, advanced preparations for ICME-16 in Prague in 2028, opened the bidding cycle for ICME-17, and continued its support for CANP-related activities and AFRICME-7.

The CDC again provided substantial organizational, financial, and professional support for mathematical activity in developing countries. In 2025, the CDC evaluated 103 applications to the Conference Support Program and selected 37 conferences and research schools for support. It also evaluated 20 applications to the Volunteer Lecturer Program and awarded 18 grants. The IMU-Simons Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries continued in its second year, awarding 16 fellowships to mathematicians from 15 countries. In addition, the administrative responsibility for the IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowship and for the Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries program was transferred to the IMU Secretariat, completing an important consolidation of CDC-related administration in Berlin.

The Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM) also continued its global program of support. The annual call for proposals reached a new scale in 2025, receiving 61 project applications, of which 13 were selected for support. The May 12 initiative continued to grow, with more than 200 registered events in over 70 countries. The year was also marked by the sad passing of CWM member Tony Ezome. We remember his service to the mathematical community with gratitude.

The ICHM remained active as well. The commission supported specialist meetings and small research projects, including the Novembertagung in Nancy, and was strongly represented at the International Congress of the History of Science and Technology in Dunedin, where several ICHM-sponsored symposia were held.

Outreach continued to be an important part of the IMU's mission. The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) was celebrated on March 14 under the theme "Mathematics, Art and Creativity." On that day, UNESCO and the IMU organized a webinar on "Mathematics and Creativity in Art and Education," including a keynote lecture by former IMU President Ingrid Daubechies. The IDM remains one of the IMU's most visible instruments for engaging schools,

universities, museums, and the general public with mathematics around the world.

The IMU also continued its cooperation with the Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF), participating in the 12th HLF in September 2025. In November 2025, Adhering Organizations were invited to encourage applications and make nominations for the next instance—the 13th HLF—which takes place from September 13 to 18, 2026. The HLF remains an important opportunity for young mathematicians and computer scientists to meet laureates and take part in international scientific exchange across generations.

There were no changes in the number of regular IMU member countries or in their groups in 2025. The IMU Secretariat continued its regular work with Adhering Organizations, including the annual update of contact information, communication about nominations and General Assembly procedures, and the preparation of the Bulletin. I would like to thank the Secretariat in Berlin, the members of the EC, the chairs and members of all IMU commissions and committees, and the many colleagues who volunteer their time and expertise for the work of the IMU.

With best wishes

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union

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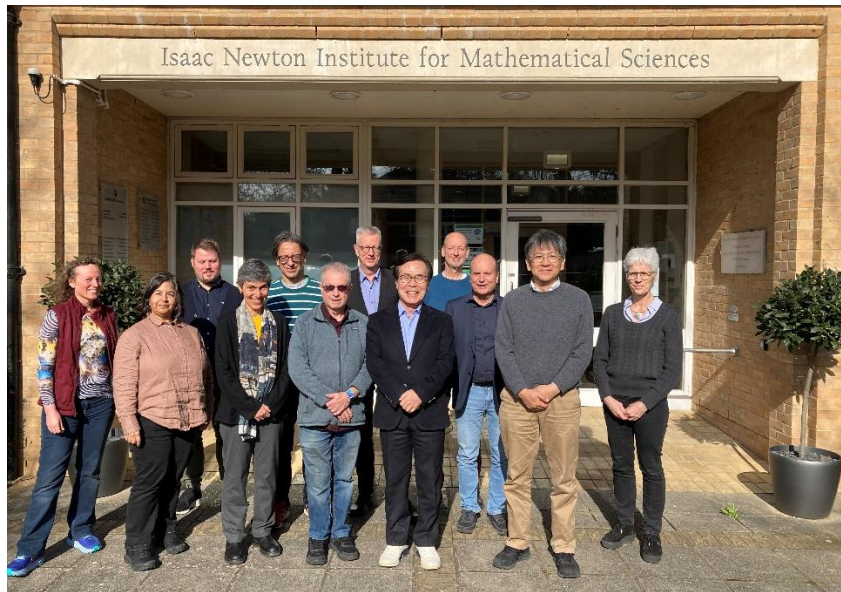
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1. IMU Leadership and Membership Information

1.1. Executive Committee 2023-2026

International Mathematical Union

Executive Committee
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026



President:	Hiraku Nakajima	(Japan)
Vice-Presidents:	Ulrike Tillmann Tatiana Toro	(UK) (USA/Colombia)
Secretary General:	Christoph Sorger	(France)
Members-at-Large:	Mouhamed Moustapha Fall Nalini Joshi JongHae Keum Paolo Piccione Günter M. Ziegler Tamar Ziegler	(Senegal) (Australia) (Republic of Korea) (Brazil) (Germany) (Israel)
Ex-officio Member (Past President)	Carlos E. Kenig	(USA)

Meetings of the Executive Committee in 2025:

98th EC Meeting, Cambridge, United Kingdom, March 7-8, 2025

1.2. IMU Leadership 2023-2026

IMU Executive Committee (EC) 2023 – 2026

Hiraku Nakajima	IMU President	Japan
Christoph Sorger	IMU Secretary General	France
Ulrike Tillmann	IMU Vice-President	UK
Tatiana Toro	IMU Vice-President	USA/Colombia
M. Moustapha Fall	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Senegal
Nalini Joshi	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Australia
JongHae Keum	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Republic of Korea
Paolo Piccione	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Brazil
Günter M. Ziegler	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Germany
Tamar Ziegler	IMU EC Member-at-Large	Israel
Carlos E. Kenig	IMU EC Ex-officio Member (Past President)	USA

Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) 2023 – 2026

Andrea Solotar	CDC President	Argentina
Ludovic Rifford	CDC Secretary Policy	France
Jose Maria Balmaceda	CDC Secretary Grants	Philippines
Norbert Hounkonnou	CDC, African Member	Benin
Le Tuan Hoa	CDC, Asian Member	Vietnam
Mariel Saez	CDC, Latin American Member	Chile
Dayue Chen	CDC Member appointed by IMU EC	China
K. N. Raghavan	CDC Member appointed by IMU EC	India
Mercy Kazima	CDC Member appointed by ICMI EC	Pakistan
Hiraku Nakajima	CDC Ex-officio Member (IMU President)	Japan

International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM) 2023 – 2026

Guillermo P. Curbera	ICHM	Spain
Isobel Falconer	ICHM	UK

International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) 2025 – 2028

Merrilyn Goos	ICMI President	Australia
Jean-Luc Dorier	ICMI Secretary-General	Switzerland
Jinfa Cai	ICMI Vice President	USA
Betina Duarte	ICMI Vice President	Argentina
Mercy Kazima	ICMI EC Member-at-Large	Malawi
Núria Planas	ICMI EC Member-at-Large	Spain
Susanne Prediger	ICMI EC Member-at-Large	Germany
Ramaswamy Ramanujam	ICMI EC Member-at-Large	India
Cristina Sabena	ICMI EC Member-at-Large	Italy
Frederick K. S. Leung	ICMI EC Ex-officio Member (Past President)	SAR, China
Hiraku Nakajima	ICMI EC Ex-officio Member (IMU President)	Japan
Christoph Sorger	ICMI EC Ex-officio Member (IMU Secretary General)	France

Committee on Publishing (CoP) 2023 – 2026*

*CoP was formerly known as the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC). Terms of membership are staggered.

Ilka Agricola	CoP Chair	2023 – 2026	Germany
Jean-Pierre Bourguignon	CoP Member	2021 – 2024	France
Kevin Buzzard	CoP Member	2021 – 2024	UK
Marie Farge	CoP Member	2019 – 2026	France
Rajeeva Karandikar	CoP Member	2019 – 2026	India
Takashi Kumagai	CoP Member	2023 – 2026	Japan
Ingrid Rewitzky	CoP Member	2021 – 2024	South Africa
Peter Taylor	CoP Member	2023 – 2026	Australia
Mark C. Wilson	CoP Member	2025 – 2028	USA
Lynn Heller	CoP Member	2025 – 2028	China

Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM) 2023 – 2026

Carolina Araujo	CWM Chair	Brazil
Hélène Barcelo	CWM Vice-Chair	USA
U.K. Anandavardhanan	CWM Member-at-Large	India
Tony Ezome (+ 05/10/2025)	CWM Member-at-Large	Gabon
Catherine Greenhill	CWM Member-at-Large	Australia
Motoko Kotani	CWM Member-at-Large	Japan
Matilde Lalín	CWM Member-at-Large	Canada
Selma Negzaoui	CWM Member-at-Large	Tunisia
Ekin Ozman	CWM Member-at-Large	Turkey
Carola-Bibiane Schönlieb	CWM Member-at-Large	UK

Persons representing IMU in various organizations

Body	Representative/liaison	Term
Committee on Data of the ISC (CODATA)	Ilka Agricola	2023 – 2026
Consultative Committee for Units (CCU)	Helge Holden	2023 – 2026
COSPAR, International Scientific Union Representative	JongHae Keum	2025 – 2026
Gruber Foundation, Cosmology Prize, Selection Advisory Board	Mihalis Dafermos	2024 – 2026
ISC	JongHae Keum	2025 – 2026
UNESCO	M. Moustapha Fall	2023 – 2026
Ramanujan Prize	Tatiana Toro	2023 – 2026
ICMI (IMU EC liaison)	Paolo Piccione	2023 – 2026
CDC (IMU EC liaison)	Tamar Ziegler	2023 – 2026
ICHM (IMU EC liaison)	Tatiana Toro	2023 – 2026
CoP (IMU EC liaison)	Ulrike Tillmann	2023 – 2026
CWM (IMU EC liaison)	Hiraku Nakajima	2023 – 2026
IMU News Editor	Yoshiharu Kohayakawa	2021 – 2028
IMU News EC correspondent	Nalini Joshi	2025 – 2026
IDM (IMU EC liaison)	Günter M. Ziegler	2023 – 2026
Committee on Diversity (IMU EC liaison)	Tatiana Toro	2023 – 2026
Earth-Humanity Coalition (IMU EC liaison)	Nalini Joshi	2024 – 2026

1.3. Members of the Union

The following countries were Members of IMU through December 2025:

Algeria	Hungary	Poland
Argentina	Iceland	Portugal
Armenia	India	Romania
Australia	Indonesia	Russia
Austria	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Bangladesh*	Ireland	Senegal
Belarus	Israel	Serbia
Belgium	Italy	Singapore
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ivory Coast	Slovakia
Brazil	Japan	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Cameroon	Kenya	Spain
Canada	Korea, Republic of	Sweden
Chile	Kyrgyzstan	Switzerland
China	Latvia	Thailand
Colombia	Lithuania	Tunisia
Croatia	Luxembourg	Turkey
Cuba	Malaysia	Ukraine
Cyprus	Mexico	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Mongolia	United States
Denmark	Montenegro	Uruguay
Ecuador	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Egypt	Netherlands	Venezuela
Estonia	New Zealand	Vietnam
Finland	Nigeria	
France	Norway	
Georgia	Oman	
Germany	Pakistan	
Greece	Peru	
Hong Kong	Philippines	

*Associate Member

The following organizations are Affiliate Members of IMU:

African Mathematical Union (AMU)

European Mathematical Society (EMS)

Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCofA)

South East Asian Mathematical Society (SEAMS)

Unión Matemática de América Latina y el Caribe (UMALCA)

2. Financial Information

2.1. Approved IMU Membership Dues

For the Period 2023–2026

At the IMU General Assembly meeting 2022 in Helsinki, Finland, the delegates decided on the dues structure for the years 2023-2026, see schedule below. Associate and Affiliate IMU members do not pay dues.

Approved membership dues 2023 – 2026				
All amounts in EUR				
Year	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Group I	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460
Group II	2,920	2,920	2,920	2,920
Group III	5,840	5,840	5,840	5,840
Group IV	11,680	11,680	11,680	11,680
Group V	17,520	17,520	17,520	17,520

2.2. Approved IMU Budget

For the Period 2023–2026

Date: May 25, 2022

International Mathematical Union													
Proposed new Budget for 2023-2026, in Euro (EUR)													
	% of General Income	2023			2024			2025			2026		
		General	Special	Sum	General	Special	Sum	General	Special	Sum	General	Special	Sum
INCOME													
I. General													
I. a Membership Dues		449,680			449,680			449,680			449,680		
Sum General Income		449,680			449,680			449,680			449,680		
II. Special													
II.a Special Development Fund			5,000			5,000			5,000			5,000	
II.b Donations			60,000			60,000			60,000			60,000	
II.c Grants			70,000			70,000			70,000			70,000	
Sum Special Income from Third Parties			135,000			135,000			135,000			135,000	
Income from IMU bank accounts			100			100			100			100	
Other Income			25,000			25,000			25,000			25,000	
Sum Special Income from Other Sources			25,100			25,100			25,100			25,100	
TOTAL INCOME		449,680	160,100	609,780	449,680	160,100	609,780	449,680	160,100	609,780	449,680	160,100	609,780
EXPENDITURE													
1. Commissions & Committees (C&C)													
	45.0%												
1.1 CDC	20.0%	89,936			89,936			89,936			89,936		
1.2 ICMI	15.0%	67,452			67,452			67,452			67,452		
1.3 CWM	5.0%	22,484			22,484			22,484			22,484		
1.4 CEIC	4.0%	17,987			17,987			17,987			17,987		
1.5 ICHM	0.0%	0			0			0			0		
1.6 Ad hoc committees	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
1.7 Special support	0.0%	0			0			0			0		
C&C Expenditure		202,356	0	202,356	202,356	0	202,356	202,356	0	202,356	202,356	0	202,356
2. ICM													
	22.0%												
2.1 Site Committee	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
2.2 Program Committee	2.0%	8,994			8,994			8,994			8,994		
2.3 Prize Committees	2.0%	8,994			8,994			8,994			8,994		
2.4 Congress Subvention	5.0%	22,484			22,484			22,484			22,484		
2.5 Travel Grants (Young & Senior)	7.0%	31,478			31,478			31,478			31,478		
2.6 ICM related admin., outreach	5.0%	22,484			22,484			22,484			22,484		
ICM Expenditure		98,930	0	98,930	98,930	0	98,930	98,930	0	98,930	98,930	0	98,930
3. Union Administration													
	20.0%												
3.1 General Assembly	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
3.2 President & Secretary	9.0%	40,471			40,471			40,471			40,471		
3.3 Executive Committee	6.0%	26,981			26,981			26,981			26,981		
3.4 Office	3.0%	13,490			13,490			13,490			13,490		
3.5 Other	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
Union Administration Expenditure		89,936	0	89,936	89,936	0	89,936	89,936	0	89,936	89,936	0	89,936
4. Outreach													
	6.0%												
4.1 ICSU Union Member Contribution	2.0%	8,994			8,994			8,994			8,994		
4.2 Awards	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
4.3 Website Support, Media Relations	2.0%	8,994			8,994			8,994			8,994		
4.4 Bulletin	0.0%	0			0			0			0		
4.5 Other	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
4.6 Scientific activity support	0.0%	0			0			0			0		
Outreach Expenditure		26,981	0	26,981	26,981	0	26,981	26,981	0	26,981	26,981	0	26,981
5. Overhead													
	7.0%												
5.1 Office Expenses	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
5.2 Bank Charges	1.0%	4,497			4,497			4,497			4,497		
5.3 Legal Advice, Audit Fees	2.0%	8,994			8,994			8,994			8,994		
5.4 Other	3.0%	13,490			13,490			13,490			13,490		
Overhead Expenditure		31,478	0	31,478	31,478	0	31,478	31,478	0	31,478	31,478	0	31,478
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				449,680			449,680			449,680			449,680
INCOME LESS EXPENSES				160,100			160,100			160,100			160,100

2.3. Independent Auditor's Report

Audit Report

Annual Financial Statements as at 31 December 2025

International Mathematical Union
Berlin

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General Engagement Terms

To the International Mathematical Union, Berlin:

A. AUDIT ENGAGEMENT

We were engaged by the Secretary General of the

International Mathematical Union
Berlin
(hereinafter “IMU” or “Association”)

to conduct an audit of the annual financial statements for the financial year ending on 31
December 2025.

In performing our engagement awarded by the Secretary General, we audited the annual financial statements as of 31 December 2025 together with the underlying books and records in accordance with Section 317 HGB (Handelsgesetzbuch: German Commercial Code) and the German generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements.

In addition, we were engaged to provide an economic analysis of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Union in this audit report. We have presented this analysis in section E. of this audit report.

In accordance with Section 321 (4a) HGB, we confirm our observance of the applicable independence requirements during the performance of our audit of the financial statements.

The IMU is an international association. According to German law, the IMU is an “ideal association” (Section 21 German Civil Code (BGB) non-profit association) since it pursues ideal rather than financial purposes. The Association does not have legal capacity in Germany because it is not registered with the German Register of Associations.

The Association is not required by law to have its annual financial statements audited. In accordance with Article 46 of the IMU Statutes, the Executive Committee must have the annual accounts audited at least once every four years and present this audit report to the General Assembly, which takes place every four years. In continuation of current practice, the audit of the annual financial statements is performed annually. The financial statements consist of a statement of assets and liabilities as well as a statement of income and expenditures. According to the size definitions of Section 267a German Commercial Code (HGB), the IMU would be classified as a micro entity. However, the audit was performed in conformity with the accounting regulations applicable to small entities.

The long-form audit report has been prepared in accordance with the [German] Generally Accepted Principles of Long-Form Audit Reports for the Audits of Financial Statements (IDW AuS 450 Revised (10.2021)).

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The performance of our engagement and our responsibility, also towards any third parties, are governed by the General Engagement Terms for German public auditors and public audit firms as amended on 1 January 2024, attached as an appendix. Our liability is therefore limited in accordance with No. 9 of the General Engagement Terms. Our relationship with third parties is governed by No. 1 (2) and No. 9 of the General Engagement Terms.

This document is a translation of the German long-form audit report, which is the solely legally binding version.

B. CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We issue the following unqualified certification on the financial statements as of 31 December 2025 of International Mathematical Union, Berlin, in the version attached to this report as Appendices 1 and 2:

Independent Auditor's certification

International Mathematical Union, Berlin

We have audited the annual financial statements, comprising the statement of assets and liabilities and the statement of income and expenditures, together with the bookkeeping system, of the International Mathematical Union, Berlin, for the business year from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. The accounting records and the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with German legal requirements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the IDW Auditing Standard: Audit of Associations (IDW PS 750). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatements resulting from fraud or error which have a material effect on the presentation of the annual financial statements are detected with reasonable assurance. Knowledge of the business activities and the economic and legal environment of the Association and expectations as to possible misstatements are taken into account in the determination of audit procedures. The effectiveness of the accounting-related internal controls and the evidence supporting the disclosures in the books and records and the annual financial statements are examined primarily on a test basis within the framework of the audit. The audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Executive Committee, as well as evaluating the overall annual financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the accounting records, the statement of assets and liabilities and the statement of income and expenditures of the Association comply with generally accepted accounting principles and the legal requirements of an association.

C. SUBJECT, NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

I. Subject of the audit

The subject of our audit was the annual financial statements (statement of assets and liabilities and statement of income and expenditures) prepared by the Association in accordance with German commercial law, taking into account the accounting records.

We point out, that the bookkeeping and the preparation of the annual financial statements are the responsibilities of the IMU's Treasurer.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the legal representatives are responsible for assessing the IMU's ability to continue functioning as an association. Furthermore, they are responsible for disclosing, matters related to the association's ability to continue as a going concern. In addition, they are responsible for preparing the financial statements on the basis of the going concern principle, unless factual or legal circumstances prevent this.

Our responsibility is to provide an opinion on the annual financial statements including the bookkeeping system based on our audit.

As of 1 January 2011, the IMU has kept its Permanent Secretariat in Berlin which is hosted by the *Weierstraß-Institut for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS)*, Berlin. The Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Berlin grant annual financial support for the IMU Secretariat, in particular by assuming personnel and material costs in the amount of approximately k€ 550 borne directly by the WIAS, which are therefore not recorded in the statement of income and expenditures.

An audit of compliance with other statutory regulations is part of our engagement only to the extent that those regulations typically have an effect on the annual financial statements.

In accordance with Section 317 (4a) HGB the audit does not extend to whether the ability of the International Mathematical Union to continue as a going concern or the effectiveness and efficiency of its management board can be assured.

II. Nature and scope of the audit

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Section 317 HGB and German generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer in Deutschland e.V. (IDW), in particular IDW PS 750 "Audit of Associations".

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatements resulting from fraud or error which have a material effect on the presentation of the net assets, financial position and results of operations in the annual financial statements in

accordance with German principles of proper accounting are detected with reasonable assurance.

The audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Executive Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the annual financial statements.

The starting point was the previous year's financial statements as of 31 December 2024, which were audited by us and issued with an unqualified certificate. The adoption of the annual financial statements is not provided for in the Statutes. Instead, a budget for the following four-year period is prepared on the basis of every fourth annual financial statement. The budget for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026 was adopted at the 19th General Assembly in Helsinki, Finland, on 3 and 4 July 2022.

Based on the risks of error identified and assessed by us, we have prepared a risk profile for the disclosures in the annual financial statements. For this purpose, we performed risk assessment procedures to obtain an understanding of the Association and its economic and legal environment and, based on this, assessed the Association's objectives and strategies and their implementation in order to determine the business risks that could lead to material misstatements in the financial reporting.

We used our professional judgment to obtain an understanding of the design of the internal controls and assessed the measures taken by the Association, in particular to ensure the propriety and reliability of the financial reporting, to manage these business risks without, however, performing a detailed systems analysis.

We examined the complete and timely recording of business transactions on a sample basis and satisfied ourselves that the dual control principle was implemented as the main instrument of the internal controls.

For this audit engagement, we did not obtain balance confirmations for debtors, as they are exclusively members of the Association.

We performed the audit in the month of February to April 2026.

The Executive Committee provided us with all the information and evidence requested. As the legal representative, it has assured us in writing in its declaration of completeness that the disclosures and evidence provided are complete. It has also declared that all business transactions have been recorded and reflected in the annual financial statements.

D. FINDINGS ON AND EXPLANATIONS OF THE ACCOUNTING

I. Compliance of the financial reporting

1. Accounting records and other documents audited

The Association's accounts were properly kept throughout the financial year. The voucher function is compliant. Based on the knowledge obtained in our audit, the accounting records and related documents comply in all material respects with the requirements of German commercial law. Information gathered from other documents audited by us is duly reflected in all material respects in the accounting records and the annual financial statements.

The organization of the accounting, the accounting-related internal controls, data flows and vouchers is fundamentally appropriate for ensuring the completeness, the accuracy, the timely and orderly recording and booking of business transactions.

2. Annual financial statements

The annual financial statements we have audited for the financial year from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 have been properly derived from the accounting records and the underlying documents of the Association in all material respects. These annual financial statements have been prepared correctly in all material respects in analogous application of the provisions of the third book of the German Commercial Code (Section 238 et seq.), taking into account the supplementary provisions for corporations in the second section (Section 264 et seq.).

The opening balance sheet values were duly adopted from the previous year's financial statements. The statutory provisions on recognition, disclosure and measurement were observed in all material respects.

The Association is not legally obliged to prepare notes to the annual financial statements. The IMU has permissibly waived the preparation of such notes.

3. Management report

The Association is not legally obliged to prepare a management report. The IMU has permissibly waived this requirement.

The IMU reports annually to its members in the form of an annual report (Bulletin of the International Mathematical Union). The current Bulletin is No. 76 from December 2024. Printed copies are made available to the member countries. The electronic document is available for download on the IMU website (<http://www.mathunion.org/membership/imu-bulletins>).

The content of this Bulletin is in particular the presentation of IMU activities to promote mathematics in the world and the proper use of membership fees and donations.

According to information provided by the legal representatives and the results of our audit, there were no events of particular significance that occurred after the end of the financial year.

II. Overall presentation of the annual financial statements

1. Findings on the overall statements

On the basis of the audit we performed by executing our professional duties, the annual financial statements correspond in all material respects to the statutory regulations. Because the Association is not required to prepare notes, the annual financial statements do not satisfy the general standard in accordance with Section 264 (2) HGB

2. Assessment basis

The exercise of accounting and valuation options and the assumptions and exercise of discretionary powers correspond to the previous year and do not reveal any trends with a significant impact on the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the annual financial statements.

Foreign currency receivables and liabilities are recognized in the accounts in euros at the exchange rate at the time they arise. If necessary, they are valued at the lower (for receivables) or higher (for liabilities) exchange rate on the balance sheet date.

E. OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. Results of operations

The summarized statements of income and expenditures for the past two financial years show the following structure and changes in the results of operations:

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	k€	%	k€	%	k€
Revenues	517	100.0	586	100.0	-69
Expenses for scientific promotion and scientific activities	-314	-60.7	-297	-50.7	-17
Expenses for administrative tasks	-206	-39.8	-96	-16.4	-110
Expenses	-520	-100.6	-393	-67.1	-127
Operation result	-3	-0.6	193	32.9	-196
Interest result	6	1.2	10	1.7	-4
Total result before Income taxes	3	0.6	203	34.6	-200
Income taxes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Annual surplus	3	0.6	203	34.6	-200
Withdrawal/Allocation from/to reserves (net)	-3	-0.6	-203	-34.6	200
Fund transfer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0

In the financial year, the IMU generated **revenues** of k€ 517, which mainly consist of membership fees. In addition, the IMU receives further donations, which generally come from scientific organizations.

Revenues are composed of the following:

	k€
Member contributions	451
Donations - international	31
Other income	<u>35</u>
	<u>517</u>

The composition of **Member contributions** is shown in Appendix 3 to this report.

Donations - international amounting to k€ 30 primarily relate to contributions from the Niels Henrik Abel Board, Norway.

Other income (k€ 35) primarily relates to the pro rata administrative costs of the IMU-Simons Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries funded by the Simons Foundation (k€ 34).

Expenses amounting to k€ 520 (prior year: k€ 393) are presented in detail in the statement of income and expenditures (Appendix 2) as well as in the comparison with the business plan (Appendix 4). Both general **administrative expenses** and **expenses for scientific support and scientific activities** increased. The increase in administrative expenses is mainly attributable to a loss from foreign currency translation of the USD bank balance (k€ 90) as at 31 December 2025. Expenses for scientific support increased due to expenses incurred for the ICM (k€ 42), while nearly all other administrative expenses also increased.

In order to assess the financial situation and changes in it, the statements of assets and liabilities for the last two financial years are compared in summarized form:

	31.12.2025		31.12.2024		change
	k€	%	k€	%	
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Receivables from member contributions	99	3.5	145	5.2	-46
Other assets (incl. Prepaid expenses)	1	0.0	1	0.0	0
Liquid funds	2,760	96.5	2,661	94.8	99
	2,860	100.0	2,807	100.0	53
LIABILITIES					
Net assets	2,406	84.1	2,402	85.6	4
Dept capital					
Provisions	12	0.4	18	0.6	-6
Trade accounts payable	39	1.4	0	0.0	39
Liabilities from restricted donations	337	11.8	319	11.4	18
Other Liabilities (incl. Deferred income)	66	2.3	68	2.4	-2
	454	15.9	405	14.4	49
	2,860	100.0	2,807	100.0	53

Receivables from member contributions are broken down by country as follows:

country	year	VA	amount in €
Algeria	2025	*	1,460.00
Argentina	2025		5,840.00
Armenia	2025		1,460.00
Belgium	2025		5,840.00
Cameroon	2025		1,460.00
Cuba	2025	*	1,460.00
Egypt	2025		2,920.00
India	2025		11,680.00
Indonesia	2025		2,920.00
Kenya	2025	*	1,460.00
Kyrgyzstan	2025	*	1,460.00
Latvia	2025		1,460.00
Malaysia	2025		1,460.00
Montenegro	2025	*	1,460.00
Morocco	2025	*	1,460.00
Nigeria	2025		1,460.00
Oman	2025		1,460.00
Pakistan	2025		1,460.00
Perú	2025		1,460.00
Saudi Arabia	2025	*	1,460.00
Senegal	2025	*	1,460.00
Turkey	2025		2,920.00
Venezuela	2025		1,460.00
Belarus	2025		1,460.00
			58,400.00
Armenia	2024		1,460.00
Cameroon	2024		1,460.00
Cuba	2024	*	1,460.00
Egypt	2024		2,920.00
Iran	2024		5,080.00
Kyrgyzstan	2024	*	1,460.00
Malaysia	2024		1,460.00
Montenegro	2024	*	1,460.00
Morocco	2024	*	1,460.00
Pakistan	2024		1,460.00
Saudi Arabia	2024	*	1,460.00
Senegal	2024	*	1,460.00
Belarus	2024		1,460.00
			24,060.00
transfer:			82,460.00

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country	year	VA	amount in €
transfer:			82,460.00
Cuba	2023	*	1,460.00
Kazakhstan	2023		30.00
Kyrgyzstan	2023	*	1,460.00
Montenegro	2023	*	1,460.00
Morocco	2023	*	1,460.00
Saudi Arabia	2023	*	1,460.00
Senegal	2023	*	1,460.00
			8,790.00
Cuba	2022	*	1,430.00
Kenya	2022	*	1,430.00
Kyrgyzstan	2022	*	1,430.00
Montenegro	2022	*	1,430.00
Peru	2022		1,430.00
Saudi Arabia	2022	*	1,430.00
			8,580.00
Algeria	2021	*	1,430.00
Iran	2021		10,288.23
Kenya	2021	*	1,430.00
Kyrgyzstan	2021	*	1,430.00
Montenegro	2021	*	1,430.00
Peru	2021		33.03
Tunisia	2021		35.00
Venezuela	2021		409.99
			16,486.25
Algeria	2020	*	1,430.00
Kenya	2020	*	1,402.62
Kyrgyzstan	2020	*	1,430.00
Montenegro	2020	*	126.44
			4,389.06
Kyrgyzstan	2019	*	1,430.00
			1,430.00
Kyrgyzstan	2018	*	581.25
			581.25
total receivables			122,716.56
IVA 50 % (marked with *)			-24,235.16
			98,481.40

At the end of 2025 the outstanding member contributions were k€ 123. Contributions of the reporting year in the amount of k€ 59 were still outstanding at the time of our audit. As a result of consistent non-payment of their member contributions, open receivables of the above countries, marked with a star “*”, were directly written down by 50%.

Liquid funds, parts of which are in foreign currency, are located in accounts with the Deutsche Bank AG and are composed of the following:

	Foreign currency	€
Account in € (5113915 10)		950,331.16
Account in CHF (5113915 01)	CHF 74,103.44	79,561.16
Account in USD (5113915 00)	USD 672,876.16	572,657.98
Account in USD (5113915 06)	USD 198,580.91	169,004.27
Account in € (5113915 00)		311,386.82
Account in € (5113915 05)		253,647.62
Account in € (5113915 04)		152,230.62
Account in € (5113915 11)		26,155.91
Account in € (462968900)		244,906.13
Cash in €		<u>301.27</u>
		<u><u>2,760,182.94</u></u>

The conversion of foreign currency into euro occurred at the period-end exchange rate.

Net assets at the period-end date is composed of the following:

	k€	k€
Association net assets		307
Reserves		
- Annual surplus 2007 - 2024	1,705	
- Withdrawal from reserves 2025	-25	
- Annual surplus 2025	3	
- ICMI and CDC (Commission Fund)	<u>416</u>	<u>2,099</u>

The Statutes do not make reference to association net assets.

Of the Net assets of the Association, € 307,465.98 originates from the time before moving the domicile of the IMU to Germany as of 1 January 2007. Revenues earned as of 2007 are allocated to reserves in accordance with the recommendations of the IMU Secretary General and of the Treasurer at the end of the reporting year. The General Assembly reaches a resolution every four years on the creation of reserves.

Reserves are allocated as follows:

	k€
Fields-Medal 2026	50
General Assembly 2026	90
ICM subsidy	88
ICM travel grants	144
ICM-Outreach	75
ICMI and CDC	416
ICM default reserve	450
Support CoP	38
Support CWM	33
Support CDC DC	20
ISC membership	15
Outreach (IDM)	15
Digitalisation	70
Co-financing and support of international projects	35
Digital infrastructure	8
Unrestricted reserves	551
	2,098

Disclosed under ICMI and CDC (Commission Fund) are funds which the IMU has made available to its ICMI and CDC commissions for their work in the coming year. The restricted reserves for ICMI amount to € 193,162.51 and for CDC to € 222,548.42.

Provisions involve expenses for the proceedings of the audit of the annual financial statements 2025 and the preparation of the 2025 tax declarations.

The main Liabilities from restricted donations developed as follows:

	€	€
Special Development Fund		
Per 1 Jan 2025		9,314.43
Inflow for London Mathematical Society (USD 5,000)		<u>4,675.52</u>
Per 31 Dec 2025		13,989.95 -----
Commemorative publication 100 Years IMU/KTS		
Per 1 Jan 2025		7,616.00
Additions / Expenditure		<u>0,00</u>
Per 31 Dec 2025		7,616.00 -----
Simons Foundation/RFP 2024-2026		
Per 1 Jan 2025		127,702.84
Inflow for Simons Foundation for RFP 2024-2026		170,655.74
Expenditures for Travel Fellowships for (42) scientists		<u>-124,837.01</u>
Per 31 Dec 2025		173,521.57 -----
GRAID/CDC		
Per 1 Jan 2025		45,152.87
Inflow for AMS/Simons		13,664.32
Expenditures GRAID		<u>-57,793.03</u>
Per 31 Dec 2025		1,024.16 -----
IMU Reserve Fund		
Per 1 Jan 2025		88,000.87
Inflow Simons Foundation (30.000)		25,551.49
Expenditures for pending IMU-Member contributions		<u>-14,600.00</u>
Per 31 Dec 2025		98,952.36 -----
		<u>295,104.04</u>

The funds shown under **Special Development Fund** (SDF) are for the support of mathematicians from developing countries for travel to International Congresses of Mathematicians (ICM). An international committee decides on the grant applications.

The funds received from the **Klaus Tschira Foundation** (KTS) were intended to finance a commemorative publication on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the International Mathematical Union. The commemorative volume was published as a book entitled "Framing Global Mathematics" in 2022.

The funds provided by the **Simons Foundation** are designated as a Travel Fellowship for research stays of mathematicians from developing countries. The especially for mathematicians from Africa reserved Simons Foundation Africa Fund was closed and is followed by the IMU-Simons Research Fellowship Program for mathematicians from developing countries since April 2024. In addition, the Simons Foundation provides annual funding of kUSD 15 for the International Day of Mathematics (IDM) for the period from 2022 to 2026.

The **Graduate Assistantships in Developing Countries Program** (GRAID) supports newly developing research groups in developing countries. With the support of GRAID, research groups can finance the studies (Masters or PhD) of their most gifted students. GRAID is financed by donations of mathematicians and mathematical associations from all over the world. In the year 2024 GRAID received a Donation of k€ 31 from the KTS 'IMU-100'-Fund.

The **IMU Reserve Fund** was established in 2022, to support member organisations that fall behind with their member contributions due to temporary extreme and adverse circumstances. In the reporting year, at the request of six member countries, funds from the reserve fund were used to settle the outstanding membership fees of the applicants. The funding will be provided through dedicated contributions. Applications for assistance will be reviewed by the IMU Executive Committee and decided on a case-by-case basis. The Executive Committee will report on this principle at IMU's next General Assembly.

The **Special Support CDC** includes k€ 41, unchanged from the previous year, for IMU's commission CDC from the agreement with the Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi (initially until 2030) to support programs in developing countries, primarily conferences (Conference Support Program) and guest lectures by international lecturers (Volunteer Lecturer Program).

Other liabilities largely involve the bank balance held for the International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM) in the amount of k€ 26 as well as the managed bank balances for the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES) in the amount of k€ 10 and funds to be further transferred in conjunction with the Project Gender Gap in Mathematical and Natural Sciences in the amount of k€ 3.

II. Financial position

The IMU was at all times able to meet its payment obligations in full and on a timely basis. The increase in liquid funds between 1 January 2025 (k€ 2,661) and 31 December 2025 (k€ 2,760) amounts to k€ 99.

F. FINAL REMARKS

When publishing or passing on a version of the annual financial statements of the International Mathematical Union, Berlin, for the financial year from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 that diverges from that attached to this report our prior approval is required to the extent that our auditor's certification is quoted or reference is made to our audit; reference is made to Section 328 HGB.

Berlin, 21 April 2026

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31 December

ASSETS	per 31 Dec 2025	2024	LIABILITIES	per 31 Dec 2025	2024
A. Current Assets	€	€	A. Net Assets	€	€
I. Receivables and other assets			I. Association net assets	307,465.98	307,465.98
Receivables from member contributions	98,481.40	144,662.24	II. Reserves	2,098,048.45	2,094,654.34
	98,481.40	144,662.24		2,405,514.43	2,402,120.32
II. Cash-in-hand, bank balances*	2,760,182.94	2,660,912.19	B. Provisions	12,305.00	17,710.00
B. Prepaid Expenses	1,356.00	1,356.00	C. Liabilities		
			1. Trade accounts payable	38,868.97	0.00
			2. Liabilities from restricted donations	336,790.91	319,473.88
			3. Other liabilities	43,181.03	55,946.23
				418,840.91	375,420.11
Total Assets	2,860,020.34	2,806,930.43	D. Deferred Income	23,360.00	11,680.00
			Total Liabilities	2,860,020.34	2,806,930.43

* contained therein ICMU € 253,647.62 and CDC € 152,230.62

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES for 2025

	€	€	€	Prior year €
Revenues			517,347.44	586,102.61
Member contributions	451,140.00			451,140.00
Donations - international	30,979.71			35,210.79
Other income	<u>35,227.73</u>			<u>99,751.82</u>
Expenses for Scientific Promotion and Scientific Activities		-313,383.05		-296,687.54
Promotion of scientific activities	-256,004.73			-272,738.29
Expenditures ICM and GA	-41,528.74			0.00
Travel expenses	0.00			0.00
Award ceremonies	0.00			0.00
Other	<u>-15,849.58</u>			<u>-23,949.25</u>
Administrative expenses		-206,309.75		-95,845.63
Reimbursement personnel expenses	-5,593.06			-3,020.80
Travel expenses	-37,189.55			-58,307.34
Audit fees	-14,587.43			-12,935.00
Member contributions	-4,578.00			-6,494.00
Postage	-586.85			-429.97
Bank fees	-1,146.52			-1,075.60
Other	<u>-142,628.34</u>			<u>-13,582.92</u>
Other Expenditures			-519,692.80	-392,533.17
Interest and Similar Income			5,739.47	9,387.18
<u>Interim Result</u>			3,394.11	202,956.62
Other Taxes			0.00	0.00
<u>Annual Surplus</u>			3,394.11	202,956.62
Withdrawals from Reserves			25,225.33	22,031.56
Allocation to Reserves			-28,619.44	-224,988.18
<u>Unallocated Cash Balance</u>			0.00	0.00

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Schedule of Member Contributions 2025

country	amount EUR
Algeria	1,460.00
Argentina	5,840.00
Armenia	1,460.00
Australia	11,680.00
Austria	2,920.00
Belgium	5,840.00
Belarus	1,460.00
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1,460.00
Brazil	17,520.00
Bulgaria	1,460.00
Cameroon	1,460.00
Canada	17,520.00
Chile	5,840.00
China	10,512.00
Colombia	1,460.00
Croatia	1,460.00
Cuba	1,460.00
Cyprus	1,460.00
Czech Republic	5,840.00
Denmark	5,840.00
Ecuador	1,460.00
Egypt	2,920.00
Estonia	1,460.00
Finland	5,840.00
France	17,520.00
Georgia	1,460.00
Germany	17,520.00
Greece	1,460.00
Hong Kong	1,460.00
Hungary	5,840.00
Iceland	1,460.00
India	11,680.00
Indonesia	2,920.00
Iran	11,680.00
Ireland	2,920.00
Israel	17,520.00
Italy	17,520.00
Ivory Coast	1,460.00
Japan	17,520.00
Kazakhstan	1,460.00
Kenya	1,460.00
Korea, Republic of	17,520.00

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Schedule of Member Contributions 2025

country	amount EUR
Kyrgyzstan	1,460.00
Latvia	1,460.00
Lithuania	1,460.00
Luxembourg	1,460.00
Malaysia	1,460.00
Mexico	5,840.00
Mongolia	1,460.00
Montenegro	1,460.00
Morocco	1,460.00
Netherlands	11,680.00
New Zealand	1,460.00
Nigeria	1,460.00
Norway	5,840.00
Oman	1,460.00
Pakistan	1,460.00
Peru	1,460.00
Philippines	1,460.00
Poland	11,680.00
Portugal	5,840.00
Romania	1,460.00
Russia	17,520.00
Saudi Arabia	1,460.00
Senegal	1,460.00
Serbia	1,460.00
Singapore	1,460.00
Slovakia	2,920.00
Slovenia	1,460.00
South Africa	2,920.00
Spain	11,680.00
Sweden	11,680.00
Switzerland	11,680.00
Taiwan	7,008.00
Thailand	1,460.00
Tunisia	1,460.00
Turkey	2,920.00
Ukraine	2,920.00
United Kingdom	17,520.00
Uruguay	1,460.00
USA	17,520.00
Venezuela	1,460.00
Vietnam	1,460.00
Uzbekistan	1,460.00
total	451,140.00

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Budget Comparison 2025

	% of General Income	Budget 2025 EUR			Actual 2025 EUR		
		General	Special	Sum	General	Special	Sum
INCOME							
I. General							
I.a Membership Dues		450,897			451,140		
Sum General Income		450,897			451,140	0	0
II. Special							
II.a Special Development Fund			4,500			4,676	
II.b Donations			46,500			30,980	
II.c Grants			33,200			312,105	
Sum Special Income from Third Parties			84,200		0	347,760	0
II.d Income from IMU bank accounts			1,000			5,739	
II.e Other Income			25,000			35,228	
Sum Special Income from Other Sources			26,000			40,967	
TOTAL INCOME		450,897	110,200	561,097	451,140	388,727	839,867
EXPENDITURE							
1. Commissions & Committees (C&C)							
	45.00%						
1.1 CDC	20.00%	90,179	37,700	127,879	90,179	37,041	
1.2 ICMI	15.00%	67,635			45,403		
1.3 CWM	5.00%	22,545			20,864		
1.4 CEIC	4.00%	18,036			12,996		
1.5 Ad Hoc Committees	1.00%	4,509	4,500	9,009			
1.6 Special Support	0.00%	0	42,000	42,000		47,298	
1.7 ICHM	0.00%	0		0			
C&C Expenditure		202,904	84,200	287,104	169,442	84,339	253,781
2. ICM							
	22%						
2.1 Site Committee	1%	4,509			8,272		
2.2 Program Committee	2%	9,018			13,607		
2.3 Prize Committees	2%	9,018			19,650		
2.4 Congress Subvention	5%	22,545					
2.5 Travel Grants (Young & Senior)	7%	31,563	4,500	36,063			
2.6 ICM related admin., outreach	5%	22,545					
ICM Expenditure		99,197	4,500	103,697	41,529	0	41,529
3. Union Administration							
	20%						
3.1 General Assembly	1%	4,509	4,500	9,009			
3.2 President & Secretary	9%	40,581			17,088		
3.3 Executive Committee	6%	27,054			16,244		
3.4 Office	3%	13,527			41,056		
3.5 Other	1%	4,509			4,023		
Union Administration Expenditure		90,179	4,500	94,679	78,411	0	78,411
4. Outreach							
	6%						
4.1 ISC	2%	9,018			4,578		
4.2 Awards	1%	4,509					
4.3 Website Support, Media Relations	2%	9,018	4,500	13,518	15,850		
4.4 Other	1%	4,509	4,500	9,009			
4.5 Scientific Activity Support	0%	0					
Outreach Expenditure		27,054	9,000	36,054	20,428	0	20,428
5. Overhead							
	7%						
5.1 Office Expenses	1%	4,509	4,500	9,009	4,509	5,143	
5.2 Bank Charges	1%	4,509	1,000	5,509	147	1,000	
5.3 Legal Advice, Audit Fees	2%	9,018	1,500	10,518	9,018	5,569	
5.4 Other	3%	13,527	1,000	14,527	99,159	1,000	
Overhead Expenditure		31,563	8,000	39,563	112,832	12,712	125,545
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				561,097			519,693
Transfer to liabilities from donations not yet spent							
Interim Result				0			3,394
Draw from Reserves				0			25,225
Return to Reserves				0			-28,619
Result				0		EUR	0

Legal and Tax Position

1. Legal Position

Association, Legal Domicile

International Mathematical Union, Berlin/Germany

The IMU is an international association. According to German law, the IMU is an “ideal association” (§ 21 German Civil Code (BGB)) since it pursues ideal purposes rather than financial purposes. The Association does not have legal capacity in Germany because it is not registered with the German Register of Associations.

The legal domicile of the IMU was located in Princeton/USA, until December 31 2006. According to article 29 of the IMU Statutes, as amended in 2010, the legal domicile of the Union shall be located at the offices of the Union.

Since January 1 2011 the permanent Secretariat of the Union is located in Berlin/Germany.

Place of Management

IMU Secretariat, Hausvogteiplatz 11A, 10117 Berlin/Germany

The IMU Secretariat transacts the entire routine operative business of the IMU. This includes the administrative support of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) and the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC). In addition, the IMU Secretariat is also responsible for bookkeeping and monetary transactions; it prepares the annual financial statements and operates the IMU archives.

Statutes

The Statutes were last amended in July 2022 by a resolution of the 19th General assembly in Helsinki/Finland. The changes included, among other things, the introduction of a new Article 3 (General Principle of the International Science Council) and the consequent shifting of all other articles in the numeration by one digit. A certified German translation is on file.

Objectives of the Association

According to Article 1 of the Statutes:

- “(a) to promote international cooperation in mathematics;
- (b) to support and assist the International Congress of Mathematicians and other international scientific meetings or conferences;
- (c) to encourage and support other international mathematical activities considered likely to contribute to the development of mathematical science in any of its aspects, pure, applied, or educational.”

Association net assets, Members

The Statutes make no provision for association net assets. Association net assets amounted to k€ 307 on 1 January 2007, the time when the legal domicile was transferred from Princeton/USA to Berlin/Germany.

According to article 4 (according to the new numeration), a country adheres to the Association through an adhering organization. This may be the principal academy, a mathematical society, its research council or some other institution or association of institutions, or an appropriate agency of its government. At the end of 2025, the IMU had 83 regular members (voting), one associate member (non-voting) and five affiliate members (non-contributory and non-voting).

Executive Committee, Representatives

As of 1 January 2023, the members of the Executive Committee are the following persons:

- Hiraku Nakajima, Japan (President)
- Christoph Sorger, France (Secretary General)
- Ulrike Tillmann, UK (Vice-President)
- Tatiana Toro, USA/Colombia (Vice-President)
- Mouhamed Moustapha Fall, Senegal (Member-at-Large)
- Nalini Joshi, Australia (Member-at-Large)

- JongHae Keum, Korea/Republic of (Member-at-Large)
- Paolo Piccione, Brazil (Member-at-Large)
- Günter M. Ziegler, Germany (Member-at-Large)
- Tamar Ziegler, Israel (Member-at-Large)
- Carlos E. Kenig, USA (Member of the Executive Committee ex-officio because he was the President of the IMU in the preceding term of office)

Reporting Year

The reporting year corresponds to the calendar year.

The Bulletins are made available to members via the homepage www.mathunion.org. All members are informed about each new publication via e-mail. A printed version of the Bulletin will be produced and sent upon individual request.

General Assembly

The following was resolved during the last General Assembly in Helsinki/Finland in July 2022:

- Adoption of the annual financial statements of 2018 to 2021 and development of financial reserves from the annual surpluses, corresponding to the respective Statement of Income and Expenditures.
- Release from liability of the IMU Executive Committee and IMU Treasurer for the years from 2018 to 2021.
- Budget for the time between 2023 and 2026.
- Increase in member contributions between 2023 and 2026 to € 1,460.00 per unit (unit contribution).
- Composition of the various committees and commissions
- Establishment of a reserve fund to support member organisations that fall behind with the member contributions due to temporary extreme and adverse circumstances. The funding will be provided through dedicated contributions. Applications for assistance will be reviewed by the IMU Executive Committee and decided on a case-by-case basis.
- The next General Assembly will take place in 2026 in New York City/USA.

2. Tax Information

The Association is registered with the Finanzamt für Körperschaften (tax office for corporations) I, Berlin, under the tax number 27/640/57572.

At the time of the audit, no tax assessment notifications had been issued for the Association, which has had its legal domicile in Germany since 2007.

The Association is non-profit. After common inquiries on 16 April 2007 at the Finanzamt für Körperschaften I, Berlin, the formal requirements for the recognition as a non-profit organization were fulfilled. The final certification of the non-profit status will be made after actual fulfilment of the requirements.

The Finanzamt für Körperschaften I, Berlin, issued a preliminary certification to the IMU on May 4 2007. This was done upon the instruction of the Senatsverwaltung für Finanzen, Berlin, before it issued a notice of exemption for 2007 and 2008 on June 9 2009.

The Finanzamt für Körperschaften I issued its last notice of exemption for 2021 to 2023, in which the current income of the IMU is exempt from corporate and trade tax. In addition, revenue from capital of the IMU is not subject to withholding tax on capital up to December 31 2028. The IMU is entitled to issue donation confirmations.

[Translator's notes are in square brackets]

General Engagement Terms

for

Wirtschaftsprüferinnen, Wirtschaftsprüfer und Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaften [German Public Auditors and Public Audit Firms]

as of January 1, 2024

1. Scope of application

(1) These engagement terms apply to contracts between German Public Auditors (Wirtschaftsprüferinnen/Wirtschaftsprüfer) or German Public Audit Firms (Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaften) – hereinafter collectively referred to as “German Public Auditors” – and their engaging parties for assurance services, tax advisory services, advice on business matters and other engagements except as otherwise agreed in writing (Textform) or prescribed by a mandatory rule.

(2) Third parties may derive claims from contracts between German Public Auditors and engaging parties only when this is agreed or results from mandatory rules prescribed by law. In relation to such claims, these engagement terms also apply to these third parties. A German Public Auditor is also entitled to invoke objections (Einwendungen) and defences (Einreden) arising from the contractual relationship with the engaging party to third parties.

2. Scope and execution of the engagement

(1) Object of the engagement is the agreed service – not a particular economic result. The engagement will be performed in accordance with the German Principles of Proper Professional Conduct (Grundsätze ordnungsgemäßer Berufsausübung). The German Public Auditor does not assume any management functions in connection with his services. The German Public Auditor is not responsible for the use or implementation of the results of his services. The German Public Auditor is entitled to make use of competent persons to conduct the engagement.

(2) Except for assurance engagements (betriebswirtschaftliche Prüfungen), the consideration of foreign law requires an express agreement in writing (Textform).

(3) If circumstances or the legal situation change subsequent to the release of the final professional statement, the German Public Auditor is not obligated to refer the engaging party to changes or any consequences resulting therefrom.

3. The obligations of the engaging party to cooperate

(1) The engaging party shall ensure that all documents and further information necessary for the performance of the engagement are provided to the German Public Auditor on a timely basis, and that he is informed of all events and circumstances that may be of significance to the performance of the engagement. This also applies to those documents and further information, events and circumstances that first become known during the German Public Auditor's work. The engaging party will also designate suitable persons to provide information.

(2) Upon the request of the German Public Auditor, the engaging party shall confirm the completeness of the documents and further information submitted as well as the explanations and statements provided in a statement as drafted by the German Public Auditor in a legally accepted written form (gesetzliche Schriftform) or any other form determined by the German Public Auditor.

4. Ensuring independence

(1) The engaging party shall refrain from anything that endangers the independence of the German Public Auditor's staff. This applies throughout the term of the engagement, and in particular to offers of employment or to assume an executive or non-executive role, and to offers to accept engagements on their own behalf.

(2) Were the performance of the engagement to impair the independence of the German Public Auditor, of related firms, firms within his network, or such firms associated with him, to which the independence requirements apply in the same way as to the German Public Auditor in other engagement relationships, the German Public Auditor is entitled to terminate the engagement for good cause.

5. Reporting and oral information

To the extent that the German Public Auditor is required to present results in a legally accepted written form (gesetzliche Schriftform) or in writing (Textform) as part of the work in executing the engagement, only that

presentation is authoritative. Drafts of such presentations are non-binding. Except as otherwise provided for by law or contractually agreed, oral statements and explanations by the German Public Auditor are binding only when they are confirmed in writing (Textform). Statements and information of the German Public Auditor outside of the engagement are always non-binding.

6. Distribution of a German Public Auditor's professional statement

(1) The distribution to a third party of professional statements of the German Public Auditor (results of work or extracts of the results of work whether in draft or in a final version) or information about the German Public Auditor acting for the engaging party requires the German Public Auditor's consent be issued in writing (Textform), unless the engaging party is obligated to distribute or inform due to law or a regulatory requirement.

(2) The use by the engaging party for promotional purposes of the German Public Auditor's professional statements and of information about the German Public Auditor acting for the engaging party is prohibited.

7. Deficiency rectification

(1) In case there are any deficiencies, the engaging party is entitled to specific subsequent performance by the German Public Auditor. The engaging party may reduce the fees or cancel the contract for failure of such subsequent performance, for subsequent non-performance or unjustified refusal to perform subsequently, or for unconscionability or impossibility of subsequent performance. If the engagement was not commissioned by a consumer, the engaging party may only cancel the contract due to a deficiency if the service rendered is not relevant to him due to failure of subsequent performance, to subsequent non-performance, to unconscionability or impossibility of subsequent performance. No. 9 applies to the extent that further claims for damages exist.

(2) The engaging party must assert a claim for subsequent performance (Nacherfüllung) in writing (Textform) without delay. Claims for subsequent performance pursuant to paragraph 1 not arising from an intentional act expire after one year subsequent to the commencement of the time limit under the statute of limitations.

(3) Apparent deficiencies, such as clerical errors, arithmetical errors and deficiencies associated with technicalities contained in a German Public Auditor's professional statement (long-form reports, expert opinions etc.) may be corrected – also versus third parties – by the German Public Auditor at any time. Misstatements which may call into question the results contained in a German Public Auditor's professional statement entitle the German Public Auditor to withdraw such statement – also versus third parties. In such cases the German Public Auditor should first hear the engaging party, if practicable.

8. Confidentiality towards third parties, and data protection

(1) Pursuant to the law (§ [Article] 323 Abs 1 [paragraph 1] HGB [German Commercial Code: Handelsgesetzbuch], § 43 WPO [German Law regulating the Profession of Wirtschaftsprüfer: Wirtschaftsprüferordnung], § 203 StGB [German Criminal Code: Strafgesetzbuch]) the German Public Auditor is obligated to maintain confidentiality regarding facts and circumstances confided to him or of which he becomes aware in the course of his professional work, unless the engaging party releases him from this confidentiality obligation.

(2) When processing personal data, the German Public Auditor will observe national and European legal provisions on data protection.

9. Liability

(1) For legally required services by German Public Auditors, in particular audits, the respective legal limitations of liability, in particular the limitation of liability pursuant to § 323 Abs. 2 HGB, apply.

(2) Insofar neither a statutory limitation of liability is applicable, nor an individual contractual limitation of liability exists, claims for damages due to negligence arising out of the contractual relationship between the

engaging party and the German Public Auditor, except for damages resulting from injury to life, body or health as well as for damages that constitute a duty of replacement by a producer pursuant to § 1 ProdHaftG (German Product Liability Act: Produkthaftungsgesetz), are limited to € 4 million pursuant to § 54 a Abs. 1 Number 2 WPO. This applies equally to claims against the German Public Auditor made by third parties arising from, or in connection with, the contractual relationship.

(3) When multiple claimants assert a claim for damages arising from an existing contractual relationship with the German Public Auditor due to the German Public Auditor's negligent breach of duty, the maximum amount stipulated in paragraph 2 applies to the respective claims of all claimants collectively.

(4) The maximum amount under paragraph 2 relates to an individual case of damages. An individual case of damages also exists in relation to a uniform damage arising from a number of breaches of duty. The individual case of damages encompasses all consequences from a breach of duty regardless of whether the damages occurred in one year or in a number of successive years. In this case, multiple acts or omissions based on the same source of error or on a source of error of an equivalent nature are deemed to be a single breach of duty if the matters in question are legally or economically connected to one another. In this event the claim against the German Public Auditor is limited to € 5 million.

(5) A claim for damages expires if a suit is not filed within six months subsequent to the written statement (Textform) of refusal of acceptance of the indemnity and the engaging party has been informed of this consequence. This does not apply to claims for damages resulting from scienter, a culpable injury to life, body or health as well as for damages that constitute a liability for replacement by a producer pursuant to § 1 ProdHaftG. The right to invoke a plea of the statute of limitations remains unaffected.

(6) § 323 HGB remains unaffected by the rules in paragraphs 2 to 5.

10. Supplementary provisions for audit engagements

(1) If the engaging party subsequently amends the financial statements or management report audited by a German Public Auditor and accompanied by an auditor's report (Bestätigungsvermerk), he may no longer use this auditor's report.

If the German Public Auditor has not issued an auditor's report, a reference to the audit conducted by the German Public Auditor in the management report or any other public reference is permitted only with the German Public Auditor's consent, issued in a legally accepted written form (gesetzliche Schriftform), and with a wording authorized by him.

(2) If the German Public Auditor revokes the auditor's report, it may no longer be used. If the engaging party has already made use of the auditor's report, then upon the request of the German Public Auditor he must give notification of the revocation.

(3) The engaging party has a right to five official copies of the report. Additional official copies will be charged separately.

11. Supplementary provisions for assistance in tax matters

(1) When advising on an individual tax issue as well as when providing ongoing tax advice, the German Public Auditor is entitled to use as a correct and complete basis the facts provided by the engaging party – especially numerical disclosures; this also applies to bookkeeping engagements. Nevertheless, he is obligated to indicate to the engaging party any material errors he has identified.

(2) The tax advisory engagement does not encompass procedures required to observe deadlines, unless the German Public Auditor has explicitly accepted a corresponding engagement. In this case the engaging party must provide the German Public Auditor with all documents required to observe deadlines – in particular tax assessments – on such a timely basis that the German Public Auditor has an appropriate lead time.

(3) Except as agreed otherwise in writing (Textform), ongoing tax advice encompasses the following work during the contract period:

- preparation and electronic transmission of annual tax returns, including financial statements for tax purposes in electronic format, for income tax, corporate tax and business tax, namely on the basis of the annual financial statements, and on other schedules and evidence documents required for the taxation, to be provided by the engaging party
- examination of tax assessments in relation to the taxes referred to in (a)
- negotiations with tax authorities in connection with the returns and assessments mentioned in (a) and (b)
- support in tax audits and evaluation of the results of tax audits with respect to the taxes referred to in (a)
- participation in petition or protest and appeal procedures with respect to the taxes mentioned in (a).

In the aforementioned tasks the German Public Auditor takes into account material published legal decisions and administrative interpretations.

(4) If the German Public Auditor receives a fixed fee for ongoing tax advice, the work mentioned under paragraph 3 (d) and (e) is to be remunerated separately, except as agreed otherwise in writing (Textform).

(5) Insofar the German Public Auditor is also a German Tax Advisor and the German Tax Advice Remuneration Regulation (Steuerberatungsvergütungsverordnung) is to be applied to calculate the remuneration, a greater or lesser remuneration than the legal default remuneration can be agreed in writing (Textform).

(6) Work relating to special individual issues for income tax, corporate tax, business tax and valuation assessments for property units as well as all issues in relation to sales tax, payroll tax, other taxes and dues requires a separate engagement. This also applies to:

- work on non-recurring tax matters, e.g. in the field of estate tax and real estate sales tax;
- support and representation in proceedings before tax and administrative courts and in criminal tax matters;
- advisory work and work related to expert opinions in connection with changes in legal form and other re-organizations, capital increases and reductions, insolvency related business reorganizations, admission and retirement of owners, sale of a business, liquidations and the like, and
- support in complying with disclosure and documentation obligations.

(7) To the extent that the preparation of the annual sales tax return is undertaken as additional work, this includes neither the review of any special accounting prerequisites nor the issue as to whether all potential sales tax allowances have been identified. No guarantee is given for the complete completion of documents to claim the input tax credit.

12. Electronic communication

Communication between the German Public Auditor and the engaging party may be via e-mail. In the event that the engaging party does not wish to communicate via e-mail or sets special security requirements, such as the encryption of e-mails, the engaging party will inform the German Public Auditor in writing (Textform) accordingly.

13. Remuneration

(1) In addition to his claims for fees, the German Public Auditor is entitled to claim reimbursement of his expenses; sales tax will be billed additionally. He may claim appropriate advances on remuneration and reimbursement of expenses and may make the delivery of his services dependent upon the complete satisfaction of his claims. Multiple engaging parties are jointly and severally liable.

(2) If the engaging party is not a consumer, then a set-off against the German Public Auditor's claims for remuneration and reimbursement of expenses is admissible only for undisputed claims or claims determined to be legally binding.

14. Dispute Settlement

The German Public Auditor is not prepared to participate in dispute settlement procedures before a consumer arbitration board (Verbraucherschlichtungsstelle) within the meaning of § 2 of the German Act on Consumer Dispute Settlements (Verbraucherstreitbelagengesetz).

15. Applicable law

The contract, the performance of the services and all claims resulting therefrom are exclusively governed by German law.

2.4. IMU Special Development Fund

Contributions to the IMU Special Development Fund.

2025

London Mathematical Society, UK 4,675.52 EUR

2.5. Third-Party Donations (monetary contributions)

2025

American Mathematical Society, US – Breakout Graduate Fellowship	19,419.36 EUR
FIMU, US – Breakout Graduate Fellowship	70,037.90 EUR
FIMU, US – GRAID	13,644.32 EUR
Mathematical Society of Japan, Japan – CDC	914.31 EUR
Niels Henrik Abel Board, Norway – CDC	29,630.38 EUR
Simons Foundation, US – IDM Support	12,775.74 EUR
Simons Foundation, US – Reserve Fund	25,551.49 EUR
Simons Foundation, US – Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries (including 20% overhead)	204,786.89 EUR
Swiss Mathematical Society, Switzerland – CDC	435.02 EUR

2.6. IMU Bank Accounts

International Mathematical Union, Hausvogteiplatz 11A, D-10117 Berlin, Germany

Deutsche Bank

Otto-Suhr-Allee 6-16, D-10585 Berlin, Germany

BIC (SWIFT) code: DEUTDEDB110

EUR transfer to account

No.:

IBAN code:

DE851007084805113915

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USD transfer to account

No.:

IBAN code:

DE851007084805113915

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CHF transfer to account

No.:

IBAN code:

DE581007084805113915

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3. Commissions and Committees

3.1. International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI)

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**International Commission on
Mathematical Instruction**

Activity and Financial Report 2025

Submitted to the IMU EC

A brief description of the 2025 ICMI activities

Administration and Governance

The ICMI Executive Committee (term in office 2025-2028) held its first face-to-face meeting in the IMU Secretariat in Berlin (Germany) on March 10-12, 2025 and one online meeting on November 18, 2025. ICMI President Merrilyn Goos and ICMI Secretary General Jean-Luc Dorier met with the ICMI Administrative Manager for two days in Berlin/Germany on November 18 and 19, 2025.

ICMI EC Nominating Committee

The ICMI EC Nominating Committee for the ICMI EC 2029-2032 will be appointed by the end of 2026. In 2025 no activities took place.

ICMI General Assembly (ICMI GA)

The next ICMI General Assembly will be held on July 8, 2028 in Prague, Czech Republic and the ICMI EC 2029-2032 will be elected. In 2025 no activities were held.

ICMI Awards

In 2025 a call for nominations for the three ICMI Awards was published internationally. The chairs of the ICMI Award selection committees are Kaye Stacy (Emma Castelnuovo Award) and Alan Schoenfeld (Felix Klein Award and Hans Freudenthal Award).

The 2028 ICMI Awardees will be announced during the ICME-16 Opening Ceremony on July 9, 2028 in Prague. The names of the awardees will remain confidential until then.

ICME-15 (2024), Sydney

ICME-15 was held successfully in Sydney, Australia from July 8-14, 2024. A total of 2322 delegates from nearly 100 different countries participated in the congress. A subcommittee has worked in 2025 on the proceedings which will be published online and open access in 2026.

ICME-16 (2028)

ICME-16 will be held July 09-16, 2028 in Prague, CZ. The first IPC meeting was held successfully September 15 – 19, 2025 on site in Prague, CZ. The website is: <https://www.icme16.org/>

ICME-17 (2032)

A call for nominations was published in 2025 and ICMI received in November 2025 three intentions to bid for ICME-17.

ICMI Studies

ICMI Study 26 on Geometry was launched in 2022 by the ICMI EC. In 2025 the different authors have worked under the leadership of the two co-chairs on the chapters for the Study Volume. The Volume will trace the evolution of Geometry within Mathematics Education since ICMI Study 9 "Perspectives on the Teaching of Geometry for the 21st Century".

ICMI Study 27 on Mathematics Education and the Socio-Ecological was launched in 2023. The Study Conference was held in Quezon City, Philippines, from January 22-25, 2025. Since then, the co-chairs and IPC and other authors have worked on the Study Volume.

New ICMI Studies

The ICMI EC discussed possible topics for new ICMI Studies and published a call for proposals.

Outreach to Developing Countries

Representatives from two CANPs used an ICMI CANP grant to participate in the conference "**IV CEMACYC" held in November 2025 in Dominican Republic**. ICMI supported the conference "AFRICME 07" held in South Africa with a grant. The ICMI EC discussed during its 2025 meetings how to proceed with CANP and capacity building in developing countries in general.

Klein Project

The Klein Blog was moved from the US to the IMU Server in Germany. The address remained the same: <https://blog.kleinproject.org/>. A new group was established in 2025 and is headed by Hans-Georg Weigand (Germany). ICMI EC member Ramaswamy Ramanujam is the liaison person.

ICMI AMOR (Awardees Multimedia Online Resources) Project

New sections have been added in 2025. An Advisory Board was appointed to oversee the time frames, content, and consistency of these AMOR units and started working in 2025.

Detailed description of the 2025 ICMI activities

Administration and Governance

ICMI Executive Committee

The EC 2025- 2028 composition is as follows:

Position	Name	Country
President	<i>Merrilyn Goos</i>	Australia
Secretary-General	Jean-Luc Dorier	Switzerland
Vice Presidents	Betina Duarte	Argentina
	Jinfa Cai	USA
Members-at-large	Cristina Sabena	Italy
	Ramaswamy Ramanujam	India
	Mercy Kazima	Malawi
	Núria Planas	Spain
	Susanne Prediger	Germany
Ex-officio members	Frederick K. S. Leung, immediate past ICMI President	China
President of IMU	Hiraku Nakajima (2023-2024)	Japan
Secretary of IMU	Christoph Sorger, (2023-2024)	France
IMU Liaison Person	Paolo Piccione (until 31.12.2026)	Brazil

ICMI EC Meetings

The new ICMI Executive Committee held its first annual face-to-face meeting at the IMU Secretariat in Berlin (Germany) on March 10-12, 2025. All EC members were able to participate. The committee heard reports, discussed issues, made decisions and established item actions (where needed) on the following: ICMI Studies 26 and 27, new ICMI Studies, outreach to developing countries and in particular CANP, AMOR Project, ICMI Awards, Database Project, ICMI Country Representatives and Affiliate Organizations, International Day of Mathematics and revamp of the ICMI website.

An online ICMI EC meeting was additionally held for two hours on November 18, 2025.

ICMI Officer Meetings

ICMI President Merrilyn Goos and ICMI Secretary General Jean-Luc Dorier met on November 18 and 19, 2025 with the ICMI Administrative Manager in Berlin/Germany to discuss various issues.

ICMI EC Nominating Committee

The ICMI EC Nominating Committee for the ICMI EC 2025-2028 will start working in 2027. The committee chair will be nominated by the ICMI President. In May 2028 (two months prior to the 2028 ICMI GA), the nomination slate has to be sent to the ICMI country representatives and IMU Adhering Organizations. In 2025 no activities were carried out.

ICMI General Assembly (GA)

The next ICMI General Assembly will be held on July 8, 2028 in Prague, Czech Republic and the ICMI EC 2029-2032 will be elected. In 2025 no activities were held.

ICMI Member Countries and Country Representatives

ICMI members are countries, not individuals or organizations. All IMU member countries are automatically ICMI members. The IMU Adhering Organization of each country—typically the national academy of sciences or mathematical society—appoints the ICMI Country Representative (CR) in consultation with leading figures in mathematics education.

Countries that are not IMU members may be co-opted into ICMI with approval from both the ICMI and IMU Executive Committees. In 2025, ICMI had 89 member countries, 82 of which were IMU members or associate members. Each Country Representative acts as a liaison, representing ICMI within the country and the country within ICMI.

In 2025, several Country Representatives renewed their terms, and many new representatives were welcomed into the network. Country Representatives and Affiliate Organizations continued to contribute actively to the ICMI newsletter, regularly sharing updates, news, and information on national and regional activities.

ICMI Thematic Affiliate Organizations and Regional Affiliate Organizations (Affo)

ICMI's organizational outreach included in 2025: 8 multinational Regional Organizations and 9 International Thematic Organizations that have obtained affiliation with ICMI (<https://www.mathunion.org/icmi/organization/affiliate-organizations>).

These organizations are independent and self-financed. They collaborate with ICMI on specific activities, such as the ICMI Studies, CANP and conferences. The Affiliate Organizations present their activity reports to the ICMI General Assembly. In 2025, all

partner organizations were requested to submit a standardized and updated text containing their institutional information for publication on the ICMI website. It was also decided that ICMI regional affiliate organizations can apply once in four years for a conference grant (up to 5000 EUR) to support travel and/ or accommodation costs for participants from developing countries. Funding applications are assessed by reference to demand and availability of funds.

Awards

In 2025 a call for nominations for the three ICMI Awards was published internationally.

The 2028 ICMI Awardees will be selected by the two 2025-2028 ICMI Award Committees which are led by the following chairs: Kaye Stacy, Australia (**ICMI Emma Castelnuovo Award Committee 2025-2028**) and Alan H. Schoenfeld, USA (**ICMI Felix Klein and Hans Freudenthal Awards Committee, 2025- 2028**). Each awardee will be invited to present a lecture during ICME-16 (2028). The 2028 ICMI Awardees will be announced during the ICME-16 Opening Ceremony on July 9, 2028 in Prague. The names of the awardees will remain confidential until then.

ICME

ICME-15 (2024)

The 15th International Congress on Mathematical Education, ICME-15 took place in Sydney, Australia on July 7-14, 2024 and was held under the auspices of ICMI. The convenor of ICME-15 was Kim Beswick (Australia). She is now an ex-officio member of the IPC of ICME-16. In the 2025 a subcommittee lead by Kim Beswick worked on the proceedings which are expected be published online and open access in 2026. ICMI supported the proceedings in 2025 with a grant.

ICME-16 (2028)

The ICMI EC decided in May 2023 to accept the bid for ICME-16 from the bidding committee from Prague, CZ chaired by Nad'a Vondrová (Charles University, Prague). The first IPC meeting was held successfully September 15 – 19, 2025 on-site in Prague, CZ. During this meeting in 2025, the ICME-15 IPC and Local Organizers decided to hold the second IPC meeting online.

ICME-17 (2032)

In June 2025 a call for intention to bid to organize and host ICME-17 in 2032 was published in the ICMI Newsletter and widely distributed via other official communication platforms. This resulted in the submission of three intentions to bid for ICME-17. The final deadline to submit a bid for ICME-17 is November 1st, 2026. It is possible that a firm (final bid) is presented to ICMI by November 1, 2026 without having presented a preliminary intention in 2025.

ICMI Studies

ICMI Study 26 on Geometry was launched in 2022. The co-chairs are Thomas Lowrie (Australia) and Angel Gutiérrez (Spain). The first IPC meeting was held February 23-25, 2023 in Valencia (Spain). The Study Conference was held in Reims (France) April 22-26, 2024 and the Study was presented during the Special Session on ICMI Studies at ICME-15 and reported about the Study's progress.

In 2025 five groups have been collaborating on a series of chapters for the Study Volume. The Volume will trace the evolution of Geometry within Mathematics Education since ICMI Study 9 on *Perspectives on the Teaching of Geometry for the 21st Century*. The timeline for this project is ambitious, with the goal of completing and submitting the manuscript to Springer in the first half of 2026.

ICMI Study 27 on Mathematics Education and the Socio-Ecological was launched in 2023. The co-chairs (Kate le Roux from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and Alf Coles from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom). The IPC convened multiple times throughout 2023 and 2024, primarily through online meetings, and held an in-person session in Sydney in 2024 to advance the preparation of the Study Document. The topic was formally presented during ICME-15, and the Study was further highlighted in a Special Session where the two co-chairs provided an update on its progress. The Study Conference took place in Quezon City, Philippines, from January 22-25, 2025. Following these activities, the group has continued its efforts on the development and finalization of the Study Volume.

The ICMI EC discussed during its meeting in March 2025 possible topics for new ICMI Studies. In June 2025, a call for proposals for a new ICMI Study was launched and widely distributed via the ICMI Newsletter and other official communication platforms. This resulted in the submission of three suggested topics which are all AI related.

Outreach to Developing Countries

Capacity and Networking Project (CANP)

The IV Congress of Mathematics Education of Central America and the Caribbean (IV CEMACYC) was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from November 2 to 7, 2025. This congress was organized by REDUMATE, the network that emerged from the ICMI's Capacity and Networking Project in Costa Rica in 2012 (CANP 2). Besides representatives from CANP 2, 6 representatives from CANP 5 also participated in the activity. ICMI supported both CANP 2 and CANP 5 with a grant to enable the participation of network members. ICMI also supported the participation of ICMI Vice President and CANP liaison person Betina Duarte.

Further Activities and Support for Developing Countries

AFRICME-7 was held successfully from July 15 - 18 2025 at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. ICMI supported the activity with a grant.

The ICMI EC discussed the future of CANP and capacity building in developing countries at its two meetings in 2025 and will discuss this further in 2026.

Database Project, since 2025: Context of Mathematics Education

The Database Project aimed to build and update a database of the mathematics curricula in countries all over the world. Over the years, ICMI gathered information for nearly 50 countries, which were presented on the ICMI website. At its Executive Committee meeting held in March 2025, ICMI resolved to expand the scope of the database project to include not only national curricula but also the broader context of mathematics education in each ICMI Member Country. Therefore the project was renamed into: "Context of Mathematics Education".

For every country, a concise overview page is developed, providing synthesized information together with links to relevant national websites addressing various aspects of mathematics education. The objective is to present on these pages a stable, high-level summary, while directing users to official sources for up-to-date and detailed information. The information can be found here:

<https://www.mathunion.org/icmi/around-icmi/country-contexts>

The Klein Project

The Klein Blog was moved from the US to the IMU Server in Germany. The address remained the same: <https://blog.kleinproject.org/>. A new group was established in 2025 and is headed by Hans-Georg Weigand (Germany). ICMI EC member Ramaswamy Ramanujam is the liaison person.

New vignettes and activities are expected for 2026.

Outreach, Dissemination of Information and Archiving

ICMI Newsletter

[The 2025-2028 Editors are Jean-Luc Dorier, Jinfa Cai and Lena Koch. Since 2022, four newsletters a year \(March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15\) are published. All issues can be found here.](#)

ICMI Website

The ICMI website <https://www.mathunion.org/icmi> is hosted by the IMU Secretariat and edited by Lena Koch and the ICMI Secretary General Jean-Luc Dorier. Occasional "bugs" are being fixed as they emerge during the use of the site. The website receives technical support from the IMU Technician Frank Klöppel.

Under the leadership of the ICMI Secretary General Jean-Luc Dorier, the website underwent a comprehensive revamp in 2025. During the first EC meeting in March 2025, the new structure was presented to the incoming Executive Committee, establishing the foundation for the continued renewal and development of the website.

The first level of the website now includes the following six sections:

- Organization
- ICME
- ICMI Studies
- Awards
- Projects
- Around ICMI

ICMI Facebook

The ICMI Facebook page was established in 2011 and has more than 8000 followers. The editors are Jaime Carvalho e Silva (former ICMI Secretary General) and Lena Koch. See <https://www.facebook.com/icmi.math.edu/>

L'Enseignement Mathématique

Regular articles on ICMI were published in the journal "L'Enseignement Mathématique" (which is historically connected to ICMI). This is under the responsibility of Jean-Luc Dorier.

ICMI Column in the Newsletter of the European Mathematical Society (now EMS Magazine)

An ICMI Column is regularly published in the education sections of the ex-Newsletter, now Magazine of the European Mathematical Society (EMS). In 2025, the editor of the education section was Jason Cooper (Israel) and the ICMI column is under the responsibility of Nùria Planas, ICMI EC member.

ICMI Archive

Preservation of ICMI historical documents is ongoing under the joint coordination of former ICMI Secretary General Bernard Hodgson and IMU archivist Birgit Seeliger. Bernard Hodgson has a regular column in the ICMI Newsletter in which he publishes interesting vignettes related to the history of ICMI. These vignettes are reproduced in *L'Enseignement Mathématique*.

Open Access

ICMI aims at providing open access to as many as possible ICMI publications and thematic studies. Since 2022 [all ICME proceedings are published on the ICMI website](#).¹

In 2021 ICMI established an agreement with Springer that ICMI Studies 19, 21, and 22 and all newly published Study Volumes are published open access. In addition, through the valuable support of Geoffrey Howson and his contact at Cambridge University Press, ICMI EC succeeded making ICMI Studies 1 to 5 accessible open access. After a long process and attempts to make all ICMI Studies available open access, in November 2025 the ICMI President and Secretary General were able to reach an agreement with Springer that all remaining Study Volumes (ICMI Studies 6 to 18 and 20) are made freely available on the ICMI website for download as PDF files. The files are currently (January 2026) uploaded to the ICMI website. ICMI Studies 6-18 and 20 are hosted with Springer's permission, with copyright retained by Springer.

¹ <https://www.mathunion.org/icmi/icme/past-icmes-and-icme-proceedings>

Also the proceedings of the symposium organized in the year 2000 on the occasion of the centennial of *L'Enseignement Mathématique*, and corresponding Discussion Documents, ICMI Bulletins, proceedings of various meetings and conferences, and other relevant documents, are available for perusal and free download on the [ICMI Website](#).

AMOR (Awardees Multimedia Online Resources Project)

This project, initiated and led by Jean-Luc Dorier, aims to create a unit for each ICMI awardees with various multimedia resources in about 10 modules with short videos and bibliographical resources. The project aims at building online resources which could constitute a reference for research in mathematics education not only for researchers in the field, but also for educators, teachers, curriculum developers and policy makers and other agents in the field. In particular, the project might serve as a basis for a PhD training program and induction into mathematics education research.

During the ICMI EC meeting in Sydney (July 2024) it was decided to appoint an external Advisory or Scientific Board to oversee the time frames, content, and consistency of these AMOR units. The new ICMI EC meeting in 2025 appointed a board consisting of 10 members, plus Betina Duarte and Jean-Luc Dorier.

Financial Overview

ICMI receives an annual grant from the International Mathematical Union (IMU), which constitutes its main regular source of income.

Another important—although indirect—source of financial support for **ICMI** activities is provided by academic institutions worldwide. These institutions fund their faculty members, including members of the Executive Committee, to participate in **ICMI** events and meetings, and they also host and organize many of the organization's activities. This includes, for example, **ICMI** Executive Committee meetings, conferences and their associated costs, **ICMI** Studies (including IPC meetings and Study Conferences), **CANP** activities, and **Klein Project** activities. Another source of funding are local grants. Without this indirect support, **ICMI** would not be able to initiate, sustain, and successfully carry out the breadth of its activities.

ICMI administrative costs are kept to less than 25% of the ICMI operating budget. The administrative costs for ICMI consist mainly of ICMI EC meeting costs and bank transfer costs. ICMI is supported by members of the IMU Secretariat, based in Berlin, Germany. The salaries of the IMU Secretariat staff are covered from the grant the Secretariat receives annually from the City of Berlin and the German Ministry of Education and Research. The IMU Secretariat is hosted by the Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS) in Berlin, Germany. The costs of the website and technical costs are mainly covered by the IMU Secretariat funds.

The ICMI Secretary General and ICMI Administrative Manager prepare the annual budget and submit it to the ICMI EC for comments and approval. The funds are kept and transferred from the IMU Secretariat in Berlin.

The detailed financial report can be found in 2025 Financial Report.

Conclusion

The ICMI EC would like to thank IMU and the IMU EC, the IMU Secretariat staff members and its host institution WIAS in Berlin (Germany), and all institutions who financially and administratively supported ICMI activities in 2025. The ICMI EC would also like to highlight the work of all individuals who have been actively involved in ICMI activities. Without their support and involvement, ICMI activities and outreach events would not have been possible.

Merrilyn Goos, ICMI President

Jean-Luc Dorier, ICMI Secretary-General

Lena Koch, ICMI Administrative Manager

January 22, 2025

Financial Report 2025
Submitted to the IMU EC

INCOME ICMI 2025	Income in 2025	
IMU Grant (annual)	67.452,00 €	
Return of loan from ICME-15 LOC	5.000,00 €	
Support from IMU for CANP 2023 and 2024	18.021,29 €	
Royalties ICMI Studies	53,89 €	
Total:	90.527,18 €	
EXPENDITURE ICMI 2025	Payments in 2025	Accruals to be paid 2026-2028
1. ICMI Administrative Costs		
ICMI EC Meeting 2025	11.268,27 €	- €
ICMI Officer Meeting November 2025	2.080,06 €	- €
President and Secretary Admin Cost	- €	- €
Travel and other cost ICMI Officers to ICMI related activities (excluding EC meetings) e.g. regional conferences	1.480,84 €	- €
Other Administrative Cost	185,37 €	- €
Total Expenditure ICMI Administrative cost including EC meetings:	15.014,54 €	
2. Research and Publication		
ICMI Studies Editing language		2.000,00 €
Open Access ICMI Study 26	13.923,00 €	- €
Open Access ICMI Study 27	- €	14.000,00 €
Klein Project	- €	- €
ICMI Study 27 Support	- €	- €
Total Expenditure Research and Publication	13.923,00 €	16.000,00 €
3. ICME and GA		
ICMI GA 2028 (Accruals)	- €	25.000,00 €
Travel cost (IPC meetings/other ICME activities)	502,90 €	1.500,00 €
Chairs of ICMI Awards Committees (Travel/Accommodation)	- €	5.000,00 €
Grants for ICMI GA 2024 participants	750,00 €	- €
ICME-15 Proceedings Grant (LOC)	2.813,89 €	- €
ICME 16 Congress Subvention	- €	10.000,00 €
ICMI Dinner during the ICME GA (2028)	- €	9.000,00 €
Awards and Prizes (Medal/Certificate)	3.500,00 €	500,00 €
ICMI Studies launch	- €	500,00 €

ICMI Booth during ICME	- €	1.000,00 €
Total Expenditure ICME and GA:	7.566,79 €	52.500,00 €
Developing Countries		
CANP 2 Grant (2023)	3.929,20 €	690,00 €
CANP 5 Grant (2023)	4.844,00 €	- €
Remaining Grants CANP 1, 3, 4, approved in 2023	- €	8.107,58 €
Total Expenditure Developing Countries:	8.773,20 €	8.797,58 €
Outreach		
Public Relations including flyer and poster	- €	- €
Website, Media, Newsletter	- €	1.000,00 €
Archive	872,73 €	- €
Amor	- €	5.000,00 €
Total Expenditure Outreach:	872,73 €	6.000,00 €
6. Regional Conferences/AO		
AFRICME-7	4.000,00 €	1.000,00 €
EMF Conference Support Grant	- €	750,00 €
other Regional Conferences (accruals)	- €	6.500,00 €
Total Regional Conference	4.000,00 €	8.250,00 €
7. Further Costs		
Bank Charges	445,25 €	
Other unforeseen cost	- €	
Total Further Costs:	445,25 €	
Total transfers ICMI 2025	50.595,51 €	
Total Accruals to be paid in 2026-2028		91.547,58 €

Accruals from 2022-2024 which will not be used and will be returned to ICMI general budget (released)	
ICME related admin and additional cost (IT, Voting System etc.)	250,00 €
Open Access ICMI Studies (past studies), published at no cost	60.000,00 €
Open Access ICMI Study 26 (cost is lower than expected)	4.077,00 €
Reimbursement to ICME-14 for online registration for developing countries participants	2.500,00 €
Total Accruals released	66.827,00 €

Summary ICMI Finances	
Opening balance sheet ICMI Bank Account: 1.1.2025	213.717,85 €
Closing Balance Sheet Status of the ICMI bank account as of 31.12.2025	253.649,52 €
ICMI Total Income 2025	90.527,18 €
ICMI Total Transfers in 2025	50.595,51 €

ICMI Grants/ Accruals to be transferred in 2026-2028	91.547,58 €
Savings from previous years (until 31.12.2024)	91.297,07 €
Accruals released in 2025	66.827,00 €
ICMI Savings in 2025	3.977,87 €
Total Savings	95.274,94 €

3.2. Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

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Report on the Activities of the IMU Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) January 1, 2025 –December 31, 2025

IMU Commission for Developing Countries

The CDC members in the term 2023-2026 are:

CDC President: Andrea Solotar (Argentina)

CDC Secretary for Policy: Ludovic Rifford (France)

CDC Secretary for Grants: Jose Maria P. Balmaceda (Philippines)

CDC African member: Mahouton Norbert Hounkonnou (Benin)

CDC Asian member: Le Tuan Hoa (Vietnam)

CDC Latin American member: Mariel Saez (Chile)

CDC member appointed by the IMU Executive Committee: Dayue Chen (China)

CDC member appointed by the IMU Executive Committee: K. N. Raghavan (India)

CDC member appointed by the ICMI Executive Committee: Mercy Kazima (Pakistan)
(Since 01.01.2025)

IMU President (2023-2026) and Ex-officio CDC Member: Hiraku Nakajima (Japan)

The CDC liaison of IMU EC is: Tamar Ziegler (Israel).

Definition of Developing Countries

The definition of developing or less affluent countries to be used by IMU has been revised by the IMU Executive Committee in November 2023, based on a proposal by the CDC.

For the period 2024-2026 CDC refers to data of the World Bank which classifies:

- low-income economies as those who have a GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of USD 1,135 or less in 2022;
- lower middle-income economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 1,136 and USD 4,465
- upper middle-income economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 4,466 and USD 13,845;
- high-income economies are those with a GNI per capita of USD 13,846 or more.

The data about research and development spending is extracted from

<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/GB.XPD.RSDV.GD.ZS>

Additionally, a complementary group of countries has been added which are considered by the World Bank as developed economies, but whose GNI per capita is currently below USD 20,000, and whose research and development spending is below 1 per cent of their PIB, and which do not belong to a group of countries or a political and economic alliance such as the European Union.

As in previous terms, the following subdivision into priority groups has been established for the CDC, for various purposes:

- Priority 1 (Low income): GNI per capita below USD 1,136.
- Priority 2 (Lower-middle income): GNI per capita in the interval from USD 1,136 to USD 4,465.
- Priority 3 (Upper-middle income-low): GNI per capita in the interval from USD 4,466 to USD 7,585.
- Priority 4 (Upper-middle income-medium): GNI per capita in the interval from USD 7,586 to USD 10,706.
- Priority 5 (Upper-middle income-high): GNI per capita in the interval from USD 10,707 to USD 13,845.
- Priority 6 (GNI per capita is between USD 13,845 and USD 20,000, but research and development spending is below 1 per cent of the country's PIB, and the country does not belong to a group of countries or a political and economic alliance such as the European Union).

At any moment, IMU member countries can ask the IMU to consider inclusion/exclusion as a developing or less affluent country. The application should be motivated and well-documented. On the basis of the evidence presented by the country, the CDC would then make a recommendation to the IMU EC for a case-by-case decision. If a country's World Bank status as a developing or less affluent country has changed between the data used to decide on the status and the time of the request, this information should be included as part of the evidence.

All countries classified as "developing or less affluent countries" can be found on the IMU CDC Website on [Definition on Developing Countries](#).

CDC Administrative Processes

Applications submitted to the various grant programs are reviewed and selected by CDC, in coordination with additional committees composed of external experts. CDC and all CDC-related activities are supported by staff members of the IMU Secretariat in Berlin, Germany. The Secretariat is responsible for the majority of administrative functions, ensuring effective coordination and compliance across programs. These efforts are further supplemented by a substantial network of volunteers who contribute to CDC activities at the regional and international levels.

Since their inception, the two programs “IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowships (BGF)” and “Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries (GRAID)” had been administered independently of the IMU Secretariat. In 2025, responsibility for both programs were transferred to the Secretariat, which now oversees their full administrative management. This transition has streamlined operational processes, improved coordination, and ensured greater consistency across all program activities.

CDC Principles

Throughout 2025, CDC continued to utilize the funds received from the International Mathematical Union and various donors to support mathematical research and advanced mathematical teaching in developing countries. All activities were carried out in alignment with the foundational principles established in its original mandate:

1. Work with and support local mathematical leadership in developing countries,
2. Leverage resources through partnering and networking with other organizations with goals compatible with the CDC mandate,
3. Set clear norms of quality, transparency and accountability.

Guided by these principles, the CDC allocated its funds in 2025 to the following programs:

Grants for Conference Organizers

Conference Support Program

The Conference Support Program (CSP) provides partial support to conferences organized in developing and economically disadvantaged countries. The maximum amount that is awarded is 4,000 EUR.

The funds are only used to cover travel and accommodation expenses of invited speakers or participants coming from developing countries. The CDC Grant Selection Committee (GSC) selects the grant recipients. It is an eight- member committee, chosen by the CDC, and chaired by the CDC Secretary for Grants Jose Maria P. Balmaceda. Five of its eight members are not members of CDC.

In 2025, a total of 37 conferences and research schools taking place in the following countries were selected by the GSC to receive a conference grant award. Below is the list of conferences who were selected in 2025. A total of 103 conference applications were evaluated. In 2025, the total budget available for the program was 83,224.67 EUR. The following conferences received support:

Country	Conference	Amount awarded in EUR
Argentina	Encuentro Nacional de Álgebra X - Emalca Argentina 2025	2,500
Argentina	Algebraic Geometric Methods in Information Theory	2,000
Argentina	Quinto Encuentro Argentino de Cuerpos finitos y Temas Afines	1,500
Argentina	Third Joint Conference RSME-UMA	2,000
Argentina	Numerical Analysis and PDEs: Classical Methods and Recent Developments	2,000*
Armenia	CIMPA Summer School on Elliptic Curves and their Applications	2,500
Benin	Topological and Extremal Properties of Combinatorial Structures	2,000*
Brazil	First Brazilian Northeastern Meeting on Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry	1,750
Brazil	XXII School of Differential Geometry	2,000
Cameroon	On Modern Mathematical Tools in Mechanics	2,000
China	Perspectives in non-commutative algebras: Leavitt path algebras, Hochschild (co)homology, K-theory and related topics (CIMPA)	2,000
Gabon	Algebraic Days of Gabon - VI / Collaborative Workshop	2,000
India	Automorphic L-functions (CIMPA)	1,206.16
India	International Conference on Class Groups of Number Fields and Related Topics--2025	1,750
India	Stacks and Moduli	1,500
India	A Complex Analytic Approach to Differential and Algebraic Geometry	2,000
India	Refinements in Enumerative Geometry and Physics	2,000
Ivory Coast	Ecole Mathématique Africaine Abidjan 2025	2,500
Mauritania	CIMPA School: Modélisation mathématique des écoulements et du transport de polluants dans les sols et les nappes souterraines	2,000

Mexico	EMALCA- Mexico 2025	1,500
Mexico	XV Symposium on Probability and Stochastic Processes	2,000
Mexico	Satellite Congress of 2026 ICM: Geometry and dynamics of discrete actions	2,000*
Moldova	Conference on Quasigroups and Related Systems.	780
Morocco	Theorie du Contrôle en Dimension Finie et Infinie	2,000*
Mozambique	AMS School	2,500
Nigeria	International Conference on Industrial and Applied Mathematics	2,000
Pakistan	CIMPA School on Optimization, Convex Analysis, and Geometric Structures	2,000
Peru	Workshop on Symmetries in Geometry and Physics	2,000
Philippines	SEAMS School on Inverse Problems and Optimal Control	1,500
South Africa	Workshop on Optimal Control and Optimization: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications	1,500*
Tunisia	African Seminar on Symbolic Dynamics	2,500
Türkiye	Probability and Applied Analysis Summer School	2,000
Ukraine	ICMU Summer School on Number Theory	2,000
Ukraine	ICMU Winter School on Constructive Approximation and Its Application	2,000
Uruguay	Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics	2,000*
Vietnam	School on Langlands Program	2,000
Vietnam	Retreat for Women in Applied Mathematics - South East Asia (RWAM-SE) 2025	2,000

*Funds to be transferred in 2026.

In 2025, a total of 73,000 EUR was awarded for conferences and 59,986.16 € EUR were transferred to conferences selected in 2025. The remaining 11,500 EUR that were awarded to conferences in 2025 will be disbursed in 2026.

11,737.67 EUR of the 2025 budget was not allocated and will be carried over to the 2026 budget together with the returned funds.

Additionally, 19,200 EUR were disbursed in 2025 for grants awarded in 2024.

Grants for Institutions

Volunteer Lecturer Program (VLP)

The purpose of the program is to provide funding for intensive courses, ranging from 10 working days to a maximum of 4 weeks, delivered at universities in developing countries by international lecturers. These courses are intended to address gaps in local expertise by supporting instruction in areas where local staff members lack the necessary specialization/ expertise.

The following courses can be supported:

(A) Courses that are part of a regular mathematics undergraduate or master degree program at the hosting university on topics.

(B) Courses at doctoral level which can be beneficial to PhD students and researchers of one or several research institutions.

The maximum amount that is awarded for each visit is 4,400 EUR. This program is supported by the Niels Henrik Abel Board (Norway) and the American Mathematical Society (USA). A CDC sub-committee, chaired by the CDC Secretary for Policy, Ludovic Rifford, evaluates the program.

In 2025 a total of 20 applications were evaluated by the selection committee and 18 courses were awarded a grant for courses to be held in 2025 and 2026. The total of 27,163 EUR was approved for the 18 VLP grants awarded in 2025.

Below is a list of the VLP Courses selected in 2025:

Host Institution and Country	Lecturer	Course	Grant Approved in EUR
Federal University of Juiz de Fora - Campus Universitário, São Pedro Juiz de Fora, Brazil	Jorge Pérez, Spain	C*-Algebras	1,500
Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences-Isfahan Branch (IPM-Isfahan), Iran	Hiroshi Yamauchi (Japan)	Abstract Algebra: Vertex Operator Algebra/Quantum Vertex Algebra	3,200**
University of Antananarivo, Madagascar	Mathias Ramparison, France	Applied Mathematics	1,960

Abbottabd University of Science & Technology, Pakistan	Aziz Furqan, UK	Combinatorics/Discrete Mathematics	2.500
Mathematic Department, College of Sciences, Salahaddin University-Erbil, Iraq	Ahmad El Guindy, Egypt	Abstract Algebra	1,640
Mathematic Department, College of Sciences, Salahaddin University-Erbil, Iraq	Rashid Zaare Nahandi, Iran	Abstract Algebra	1,280
Comsats University Islamabad, Lahore Campus, Pakistan	Jorge Mozo Fernández, Spain	Linear Algebra	1,250*
Comsats University Islamabad, Lahore Campus, Pakistan	Juan Enrique Martínez-Legaz, Spain	Applied Mathematics	1,250
Comsats University Islamabad, Lahore Campus, Pakistan	Cemil Tunc, Turkey	Applied Mathematics	1,030
Abdus Salam School Lahore, Pakistan	Cristhian E. Garay López, Mexico	Idempotent and tropical methods in mathematics	2,330
Abdus Salam School Lahore, Pakistan	Anderson Arley Vera Arboleda, Colombia	Introduction to quantum and Vassiliev invariants of knots	2,250
IMSP, Benin	Ngianga-Bakwin Kandala, UK	Bayesian Statistics	3,153
National Higher School of Mathematics, Algeria	Peter Steinhagen, Netherlands	Number Theory	600*
National Higher School of Mathematics, Algeria	Yacine Chitour, France	Partial differential equations	400*
National Higher School of Mathematics, Algeria	Rui Loja Fernandes, USA	Riemanian geometry	650*
National Higher School of Mathematics, Algeria	Gaetan Borot, Germany	Algebraic topology	550*

LUMS, Pakistan	Fabrizio Ruggeri, Italy	Probability and Statistical Analysis	750*
LUMS, Pakistan	Sophie Dabo- Niang, France	Probability and Statistical Analysis	870*
Grants approved in 2025			27,163

*Funds to be transferred in 2026. ** Course was cancelled in 2026 and funds were returned to CDC in January 2026.

VLP Courses awarded in 2023 and 2024 and funds transferred in 2025:

Below are courses which were selected in 2024 and funds were disbursed in 2025 (from 2024 budget).

Host Institution and Country	Lecturer	Course	Amount transferred in EUR
University of Namibia, Namibia	Xabier Martinez Garcia, Spain	Computing, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences	340
Comsats University Islamabad, Lahore Campus, Pakistan	Volkmar Welker, Germany	Combinatorics	1,005.75
National Higher School of Mathematics, Algeria	Zeghib Abdelghani, France	Algebraic topology	300

Host Institution and Country	Lecturer	Course	Amount transferred in EUR
Department of Mathematics, College of Physical Science, Joseph Sarwuan Tarkaa University, Makurdi, Nigeria	Prof. Faraimunashe Chirove, South Africa	Applied Mathematics	308.51 (remaining grant)

Cancelled VLP courses:

In 2025, the following grants/courses were forfeited: two courses approved in 2023, originally scheduled to be held in Madagascar and Uganda; one course approved in

2024, scheduled for Algeria; and one course approved in 2025, scheduled for Iran. The funds for those courses will be added to the 2026 budget.

Financial Overview:

For courses selected in 2025 the total amount of 22.093 EUR was disbursed in 2025. The remaining grant amount of 5,162.07 EUR for 2025 awarded VLP grants will be disbursed in 2026. One grant was returned in January 2026 (3,200 EUR minus currency fluctuation) since the international lecturer had to cancel his participation. For courses selected in 2023 and 2024 the amount of 1,954.26 EUR was disbursed in 2025.

In 2025 the total budget available for the program was 32,444.57 EUR. The amount of 5281.57 EUR was not allocated and will be carried over to the 2026 budget together with returned funds from 2024 and forfeited grants/ returned funds from 2025.

Grants for Research Visits

Abel Visiting Scholar Program (AVSP)

Since 2013, the Niels Henrik Abel Board has given an annual grant of 15,000 USD to support mathematicians professionally based in developing countries to embark on a research visit to work with a collaborator for a period of one month. Longer visits of up to three months were also accepted if host institution was able to provide matching support.

Selected grantees were awarded 5,000 USD each. The program is designed for young mathematicians, in particular, postdoctoral mathematicians in the early stages of their professional careers. Candidates must be under 35 years of age.

The Abel Visiting Scholar Program Selection Committee selects the grant recipients. The committee consists of three members: the chair and one of the members are appointed by the IMU Executive Committee and one member is chosen by CDC.

Since 2023 funds for the Abel Visiting Scholar Program are included in the general CDC budget. The amount available for 2025 was 15,000 USD. Three grantees were awarded with a 2025 Abel Visiting Scholar Grant;

- **Chaitanya Gopalakrishna**

Chaitanya Gopalakrishna (b.1992) is a lecturer at Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore, India. The main goal of his research visit was to study iterative roots of continuous interval maps and planar mean-type maps. He was hosted by Prof. Witold Jarczyk of the University of Zielona Gora, Poland.

Amount disbursed in 2025: 5,000 USD

Status: Concluded

- **Nasreddine Benbelkacem**

Nasreddine Benbelkacem (b.1992) is a lecturer at University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene, Algeria. The main goal of his research visit is to study codes over rings, trace restriction and applications. He will be hosted by Prof. Martínez Moro of the University of Valladolid, Spain.

Amount disbursed in 2025: 0 USD

Status: Postponed to 2026 due to visa issues.

- **Sourjya Banerjee**

Sourjya Banerjee (b.1992) is a researcher at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Tamil Nadu, India. The main goal of his research visit is to study the cancellative property of finitely generated projective modules over real algebraic varieties. He was hosted by Prof. Jean Fasel of the Université Grenoble-Alpes, France.

Amount disbursed in 2025: 4,160.29 USD

Status: Concluded

2025 is the final year that the current Abel Visiting Scholar Program will run. From 2026, the funding provided by the Niels Henrik Abel Board will have a revised focus, also targeted at early-career mathematicians, namely on graduate students from developing countries, who have finished at least two years of their PhD on the date of the application deadline or immediately following their PhD completion (max. one year after the PhD defense). Priority will be given to students having submitted at least one paper to an international peer-reviewed journal.

IMU Simons Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries

2025 is the second year of the IMU-Simons Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries, which runs for three years from April 2024 to April 2027. The program is tailored for mathematicians from developing countries to encourage research visits to another mathematical institution for collaborative research for up to three months. The research visit has to be tied to a specific research project and a collaborating institute. The CDC Grant Selection Committee (GSC) selects the grant recipients.

The three-year program operates on an annual cycle, beginning in April and concluding the following April, with an annual budget of 200,000 USD distributed to grantees during this period.

From April 2025-April 2026, the total budget available was 202,802.91 USD made up by the annual budget of 200,000 USD and a leftover of 2,802.91 USD cumulating from the unspent funds returned by grantees awarded in 2024.

During this time, the program granted fellowships to 16 mathematicians representing 15 countries, with award amounts ranging from 2,000 USD to 12,000 USD. A total of

137,300 USD was distributed, leaving 65,502.91 USD to be allocated to applicants from the call closing in January 2025.

Grantee	Gender	Home Country	Host Country	Amount Awarded in USD
Hacen Zelaci	M	Algeria	France	3,800
Marcus Luis Salvai	M	Argentina	Chile	4,000
Vladimir Vladicic	M	Bosnia and Herzegovina	USA	4,500
Luciane Quoos	F	Brazil	France	12,000
Fomboh Yah	F	Cameroon	USA	12,000
Huan Wang	M	China	Germany	11,000
Emer de Jesus Lopera Arias	M	Colombia	USA	11,000
Keishnendu Gongopadhyay	M	India	Germany	11,500
Fatemeh Khosravi	F	Iran	Canada	11,500
Bouchra Bensiali	F	Morocco	Switzerland	9,500
Hassam Khan	M	Pakistan	UK	9,000
Rowena Alma Betty	F	Philippines	Japan	7,000
Jerome Dimabayao	M	Philippines	Japan	5,000
Abdoul Salam Diallo	M	Senegal	Benin	2,000
Thilagarajah Mathanaranjan	M	Sri Lanka	Italy	11,500
Van Hien Le	M	Vietnam	USA	12,000

In the second program year (from April 2025), a total of 33,000 USD was transferred to the grantees, the remaining 104,300 USD that was allocated to grantees selected in 2025 will be disbursed in 2026. The remaining amount from the April 2025-April 2026 funds (65,502.91 USD) will be allocated to applicants from the call closing in January 2026.

In 2025 the amount of 67,287.57 USD was transferred to the grantees of the first-year program (April 2024 – April 2025) which completed their activity in 2025. The remaining grants from the first program year (28,319.61 USD) will be disbursed in 2026.

Graduate Support Programs

IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowship Program

The IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowship was launched in 2016 and funded by the generous donations of several winners of the Breakthrough Prizes in Mathematics. The fellowship program supports excellent postgraduate students from developing countries who are studying in a developing country, to obtain a PhD degree in the mathematical sciences. The program was developed with the assistance of the Friends of IMU (FIMU).

The Breakout Selection Committee consists of five members and is chaired by the CDC Secretary for Policy. From 2016 to 2020, the program was administered by the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and from 2020-2024 by the London Mathematical Society (LMS), supported by the American Mathematical Society. In 2025, the administration of the program was handed over to the IMU Secretariat.

The funds for the IMU Breakout Fellowship Program are not included in the general CDC budget but are held in a separate account.

In 2025, a total of 43,500 USD was awarded to five students:

- **Festa Ndubuogaranya** is a student from Nigeria. She received a three-year doctoral fellowship to pursue a PhD at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. Her research will focus on computational and applied mathematics under the supervision of Prof. Julius Ehigie (University of Lagos, Nigeria).
- **Juan Pablo Lopez** is a student from Colombia. He received a three-year doctoral fellowship to pursue a PhD at the Universidad del Valle, Colombia. His research will focus on mathematical analysis under the supervision of Prof. Julio Delgado (Universidad del Valle, Colombia).
- **Mojtaba Zareh Bidaki** is a student from Iran. He received a two-year doctoral fellowship to pursue a PhD at the Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences, Iran. His research will focus on dynamical systems under the supervision of Prof. Meysam Nassiri (Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences, Iran.).
- **Valeriia Kotelnykova** is a student from Ukraine. She received a four-year doctoral fellowship to pursue a PhD at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine. Her research will focus on applied mathematics under the supervision of Prof. Alexander Iksanov (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine).
- **Vo Quoc Bao** is a student from Vietnam. He received a two-year doctoral fellowship to pursue a PhD at the Hanoi Institute of Mathematics, Vietnam. His research will focus on algebra and number theory under the supervision of Prof. Phung Ho Hai (Hanoi Institute of Mathematics, Vietnam).

The awardees selected in previous calls in 2023 and 2024 provided satisfactory reports during the year and a total of 45,833 USD was disbursed to these fellows who continued to be funded in 2025.

Below is an overview of all IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowship Program grantees paid in 2025.

Year	Name	Gender	Country	Years Awarded	Annual Grant Amount in USD	Amount Disbursed in 2025 in USD
2023	Marzieh Sourì	F	Iran	4	9,000	9,000
	Priyendhu Kethappan Sasikumar	F	India	3	8,366	0*
2024	Ngo Thi Thuong	F	Vietnam	1	6,800	6,800
	Copernic Bounouendji Lebouma	M	Gabon	4	7,900	7,900
	Tamojit Sadhukhan	M	India	2	10,000	10,000
	Damián Eduardo Cedeño López	M	Ecuador	3	10,000	10,000
	Halima Yusuf	F	Nigeria	2	9,000	9,000
2025	Valeriia Kotelnikova	F	Ukraine	4	10,000	10,000
	Mojtaba Zareh Bidaki	M	Iran	2	9,900	9,900
	Vo Quoc Bao	M	Vietnam	2	6,600	6,600
	Juan Pablo Lopez	M	Colombia	3	10,000	10,000
	Festa Ndubuogaranya	F	Nigeria	3	7,000	7,000

**Priyendhu Kethappan Sasikumar, completed her Ph.D. in 2025. She was awarded for a total of three years from 2023 – 2026. As she completed her studies a year ahead of time, she only received the grant from 2023 – 2025.*

Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries (GRAID) Program

The GRAID Program was launched in 2017 to support PhD and Master students who are engaged as research assistantships of emerging research groups working in a developing country listed in Priority 1 or 2 of the IMU CDC Definition of Developing Countries.

It provides modest support for emerging research groups to fund their most talented students as graduate research assistants (PhD or Master Students). The

GRAID Program is funded by voluntary donations from mathematicians or mathematical institutions worldwide.

Applications are evaluated and recipients selected by the GRAID Selection Committee which consists of six members, of which three of them are not CDC members. The Committee is chaired by a CDC member and its secretary is proposed by the American Mathematical Society (AMS). From 2017 to 2024, this program was administrated by the GRAID Selection Committee, supported by the AMS. In 2025, the administration of the program was handed over to the IMU Secretariat.

Since its launch in 2017, the GRAID funds have not been included in the general CDC budget but were kept in the FIMU account.

In 2025, a total of 10,400 USD was awarded to five students from three research groups:

- **Belgis Ainatul Iza and Annisa Rahmita Soemarsono**
Both students are engaged as graduate assistants and their research focuses autonomous control systems, and optimal control. Principal Investigator, Mardlijah Mardlijah (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia), with International Partner, Zhai Guisheng (Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan).
- **Elie Corneille Dêgnon Ayosso and Sessi Exaucée Esther Akabassi**
Both students are engaged as graduate assistants and their research focuses on hypermaps and their combinatorial properties. The research group is led by Principal Investigator, Remi Cocou Avohou (Université Nationale des Sciences, Technologies, Ingénierie et Mathématiques, Abomey, Benin), with International Partner, Joseph Bengeloun (Laboratoire d'Informatique de Paris Nord, France)
- **Kazeem Austin Tijani**
Kazeem is engaged as a Ph.D. graduate assistant and his research focuses on mathematical modelling of infectious diseases. The research group is led by Principal Investigator, Chinwendu Emilian Madubueze (Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Nigeria), with International Partner, Faraimunashe Chirove (University of Johannesburg, South Africa).

The awardees selected in previous calls in 2022, 2023, and 2024 provided satisfactory reports during the year and a total of 55,560 USD was disbursed to these awardees who continued to be funded in 2025.

Below is an overview of all GRAID grantees paid in 2025.

	Name	Country	Years Awarded	Annual Grant Amount in USD	Amount Disbursed in 2025 in USD
2022	Muneeba Muhammad Mansha	Pakistan	4	3,400	3,400
	Baolahy Josaphat	Madagascar	4	3,300	3,300
	Yassin Tesfaw Abebe	Ethiopia	4	3,480	3,480
	Abhishek Kumar	India	2	3,396	3,396
2023	Karim Sankara	Burkina Faso	4	3,500	3,500
	Ananta Upreti	Nepal	4	3,500	3,500
	Marcos Gueguez	Benin	4	3,450	3,450
	Josue Ngandjou Zangue	Cameroon	4	3,499	3,499
	Thierry Rodolford Fouotsop Sonkoua	Cameroon	4	3,410	3,410
	Francoise Gali Terrey	Cameroon	4	3,500	3,500
2024	Areeba Maqbool	Pakistan	4	3,500	3,500
	Anup Tuladhar	Nepal	4	3,480	3,480
	Bill Nicodeme Donna	Cameroon	4	3,500	3,500
	Jhunas Paul T. Viernes	Philippines	4	3,500	3,500
	Agatha Abokwara	Nigeria	4	3,480	3,480
	Aqsa Noreen	Pakistan	4	3,465	3,465
	Mughees Ghayas	Pakistan	4	1,750	1,750
2025	Sessi Exaucée Esther Akabassi	Benin	3	1,750	1,750
	Elie Corneille Dêgnon Ayosso	Benin	3	1,750	1,750
	Belgis Ainatul Iza	Indonesia	1	1,750	1,750
	Annisa Rahmita Soemarsono	Indonesia	1	1,750	1,750
	Kazeem Austin Tijani	Nigeria	3	3,400	3,400

In 2025, three students concluded their grant activity

- **Nforba George-Didymus Yuhsinyu**

Nforba was awarded the GRAID grant in 2022 for 3 years. Under the mentorship of Principal Investigator, Gideon Ngwa (Buea University, Cameroon), with International Partner, Miranda Teboh-Ewungkem (Lehigh University, USA), he conducted research on Development, Analysis and Simulation of Structured Multiple Scale Models for Malaria with Treatment. His Ph.D. is still in progress.

- **Njongwe James Agheyih**

James was awarded the GRAID grant in 2021 for 4 years to support his Ph.D. studies. Under the mentorship of Principal Investigator, Gideon Ngwa (Buea University, Cameroon), with International Partner, Miranda Teboh-Ewungkem (Lehigh University, USA), he conducted research on Mathematical Modelling of Pharmaceutical and Nonpharmaceutical Interventions. He is planning to defend his thesis in early 2026.

- **Roslan Ibara Ngiza Mfumu**

Roslan was awarded the GRAID grant in 2021 for 4 years to support his Ph.D. studies. Under the mentorship of Principal Investigator, Gideon Ngwa (Buea University, Cameroon), with International Partner, Miranda Teboh-Ewungkem (Lehigh University, USA), he did research on number theory and arithmetic. The team works on the structure of class group in noncommutative Galois extensions. He defended his thesis in fall 2025.

Other activities and outreach

CDC Website

The CDC website is hosted by the IMU Secretariat, supported by WIAS Berlin and maintained by the IMU Secretariat. All updates, programs and information about all CDC initiatives can be found on the CDC website: www.mathunion.org/cdc

CDC webinar

On 3 November 2025, the CDC held a webinar which highlighted the Volunteer Lecturer Program by inviting host institutions and lecturers who previously participated in the program to share about their experience. 81 people participated in the webinar this year. The [full recording](#) is available on the CDC website. The CDC also took the opportunity to extend an invitation to all who plan to attend the International Congress of Mathematicians 2026 (ICM2026) in Philadelphia to attend the CDC activity held during the ICM.

CDC Meeting 2025

The second and last in-person CDC meeting was held on April 14 and April 15 in Nice, France. The meeting was hosted at the Université Côte d'Azur by Ludovic Rifford, CDC Secretary for Policy. The CDC covered the accommodation and flights of participating

members. In 2025 the cost added up to 11,995.03 EUR. The total cost for CDC for the 2025 CDC meeting was 15,105.03 Euro (spending 2024 and 2025).

CDC Panel at ICM2026

Since 2014, the CDC has organized special activities during the ICM's (Seoul 2014, Rio 2018, Virtual ICM 2022). It was decided during the CDC Meeting 2025 that the CDC will hold a special activity at the ICM2026 in the USA. The budget currently allocated to the activity is 15,000 EUR.

Administration

CDC administrative costs are kept to less than 10% of the CDC operating budget. The administrative costs for CDC consist mainly of bank transfer and CDC meeting costs. Most of the administrative work is managed by staff members from the IMU Secretariat.

The salaries of the IMU Secretariat staff are covered from the grant the Secretariat receives annually from the City of Berlin and the German Ministry of Education and Research. The IMU Secretariat is hosted by the Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS) in Berlin, Germany. The IMU staff members are employed at WIAS. The costs of the website, technical costs and the cost of the grants management software are usually covered by the IMU Secretariat funds and overheads from CDC grants.

The GRAID program was administered from 2017 until the end of 2025 by the GRAID Selection Committee, supported by the American Mathematical Society and FIMU. The Breakout Fellowship Program was administered until 2025 by LMS (London Mathematical Society), supported by IMU Secretariat. Since 2025, both GRAID and Breakout are administered by the IMU Secretariat.

The IMU Commission for Developing Countries would like to express its profound gratitude to all institutions and individuals who have donated to and supported CDC and its activities. Without this support, the funding available for several programs would have been significantly limited. CDC also extends its sincere appreciation to all its volunteers. We are truly grateful for the dedication of everyone who contributes to CDC's work, whether as members of evaluation committees, volunteer lecturers, or organizers of CDC activities.

CDC looks forward to continued collaboration with all its supporters, partners, and volunteers.

More information about CDC and its activities can be found on the CDC [website](#).

Andrea Solotar
CDC President
2023-2026

Ludovic Rifford
CDC Secretary for Policy
2023-2026

Lena Koch
IMU Secretariat

Vanessa Chung
IMU Secretariat

Date: 09.02.2026

CDC Financial Report

CDC Financial Report 2025			
INCOME			
IMU General Budget	89.936,00 €		
Abel Grant excluding AVSP	15.948,40 €		
Abel Visiting Scholar Program (AVSP)	13.681,98 €		
Donation Japanese Mathematical Society	914,31 €		
Return of unused funds to CDC	527,00 €		
Donation FIMU to VLP	- €		
Total income/returned funds)	121.007,69 €		
EXPENDITURE by Category	Details	Transfers in 2025	Grants approved 2024/2025 and to be transferred in 2026
Administration			
	Bank Cost	1,669.75 €	
	CDC meeting 2025	11,995.03 €	
	CDC members participating in meetings	173.35 €	
Conference Support Program	Grants approved 2025	59,986.16 €	11,500.00 €
	Grants approved in 2024	19,200.00 €	- €
Individual Travel Fellowship	currently closed		
Project Grants	currently closed		
Abel Visiting Scholar Program	Grants approved in 2025	3,590.70 €	4,400.00 €
	Grants approved in 2023		
	Grants approved in 2024	5,177.61 €	
Volunteer Lecturer Program	Grants approved in 2025	22,000.93 €	5,162.07 €
	Grants approved 2023	308.51 €	- €
	Grants approved 2024	1,645.75 €	
Total transferred 2025/ to be transferred 2026		125,747.79 €	21,062.07 €

Total approved grants 2025 (transferred 2025/ to be transferred 2026)		146,809.86 €	
2025 income minus expenditure		- 25,802.17 €	
Amount on CDC bank account as of 1.1.2025		156,970.72 €	
Amount on CDC bank account as of 1.1.2026		152,230.62 €	

Based on the CDC budget forecast, CDC will spend in 2026 the following amounts:

Expected Income 2026: 120,000 EUR

Expected Expenditure 2026: 120,000 EUR

Transfers for grants approved prior to 2026: approx. 22,000 EUR

Expected Savings on CDC bank account as of 31.12.2026: approx. 130,000 EUR.

The savings will be partially allocated during 2027–2030, following the conclusion of the IMU Simons Travel Fellowship Program, to support individual travel fellowships.

3.3. International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM)

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INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE
HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS (ICHM)

2025 Report of the ICHM to the IMU

Clemency Montelle (Chair)

1. Commission organization

a. List of officers and members of governing body, and governance procedures

At the ICHST (2025) in Dunedin, there was a succession of leadership. Clemency Montelle was honored to assume the role of Chair of the ICHM, succeeding Professor June Barrow-Green, whose eight years of leadership were marked by diligence, diplomacy, and a steady strengthening of the Commission. We thank her most sincerely for her outstanding service.

We are delighted to welcome our new Executive Committee members:

- Vice-Chair: Adrian Rice
- Members-at-Large:
 - Frédéric Brechenmacher (France)
 - Jemma Lorenat (North America)
 - Thomas Morel (Germany)
 - Carlos Gonçalves (Latin America)
 - WANG Chang (Asia)

Continuing members-at-large:

- S. M. Mozaffari (Islamic World)
- Galina Sinkevich (Russia)

IMU Representatives on the Executive Committee:

- Isobel Falconer
- Guillermo P. Curbera

The Executive Committee of the ICHM therefore consists of the following members:

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Ex-Officio

- June Barrow-Green (Past Chair) June.Barrow-Green@open.ac.uk
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- Jeffrey Oaks (Historia Mathematica) oaks@uindy.edu
- Marco Panza (Historia Mathematica) panza@chapman.edu

In 2024-25, the Executive Committee of the ICHM had four business e-meetings together with related email discussions and an online e-meeting in October 2025 with the new executive committee. Another online e-meeting is planned for the new year.

b. Sub-committees and their functions, with brief details of activities**Kenneth O. May Prize Committee (2025)**

June Barrow-Green (Chair) (UK)

Volker Remmert (Germany)

Norbert Schappacher (France)

Nathan Sidoli (Japan)

The Kenneth O. May Prize is awarded every four years to a historian or historians of mathematics in recognition of distinguished contributions to the history of mathematics. A call for nominations was made in 2024. The Committee will propose two candidates to present to the ICHM Executive

Committee for its consideration and vote.

Montucla Prize Committee (2025)

Adrian Rice (Chair) (USA)

Antoni Malet (Spain)

Jeffrey Oakes (USA)

The Montucla Prize is awarded every four years to the author of the best article published in *Historia Mathematica* by an early-career researcher in the four years preceding the International Congress of History of Science and Technology. The Committee will propose a candidate to the ICHM Executive Committee for its consideration and vote.

c. Details of membership of the Commission

The ICHM welcomed a new member country in 2025.

- Serbia rejoined the ICHM under the auspices of the *Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences*. The application, submitted by Saša Popović, expressed Serbia's honour in returning after a 35-year hiatus.

There are 45 National Members of the ICHM: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Belorussia, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA.

Individuals are listed at <https://www.mathunion.org/ichm/about-us/members>

d. URL of Commission website

<https://www.mathunion.org/ichm>. It is updated whenever necessary, e.g. to include changes in membership, reports of meetings, etc.

2. Activities

a. Activities undertaken or sponsored by the Commission in the last year

The ICHM supported specialist conferences in the history of mathematics, including the Novembertagung, a key event for and organized by early career researchers. These events exemplify our ongoing commitment to nurturing emerging scholars and fostering international collaboration.

- 35th Novembertagung on the History and Philosophy of Mathematics

The 35th Novembertagung on the History and Philosophy of Mathematics, organized under the auspices of the ICHM, was held at the Université de Lorraine in Nancy, France, from 17–19 November 2025. Hosted at the Amphithéâtre de la présidence Léopold, the conference brought together early-career and senior scholars around the theme *Mathematics and Communities*. The organizing committee comprised Rémi Blondel, Pierre Chatelard, Salomé Chauvet, Elisa Dalgalarondo, Rami Jreige, Frederike Lieven, Mireia Martínez i Sellarès, and Paul-Emmanuel Timotei. Of the 37 abstracts submitted, 20 presentations were selected following peer review, with two delivered online, and a further six young researchers attended without presenting. The program included keynote lectures by Jingyi Wu (LSE) and Christophe Eckes (Université de Lorraine), alongside 20-minute contributed talks spanning diverse historical periods, geographical regions, and methodological approaches. Participants represented institutions from Europe, North America, and Asia, underscoring the international reach of the meeting. Beyond the formal sessions, shared meals and extended discussion periods fostered a strong sense of scholarly community, aligning closely with the conference theme. The organizers also gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the Université de Lorraine, the Archives Henri Poincaré, SPHERE, RT HiDiM, BSHM, the Descartes Centre, and the ICHM, whose funding was instrumental in ensuring broad participation.

Several smaller research projects were also funded under our ICHM Grant program:

- Modern History of Mathematics Programme (Cambridge, UK): *New Structures in / for / of Mathematics, 1940s–1960s*, INI Cambridge – *A new Network in Cold War Mathematics: How Individuals Shaped the CFSG Network* (Lukas Schievelbusch).
- BSHM Research in Progress Meeting (UK): *Takaaki Iwai* (February 2025).
- Emerging Themes Workshop, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge (UK): *Sayori Ghoshal* (January 2025).
- International Research-Related Activity Grant: *Megan Briers* (November 2024).

ICHM at the International Congress of the History of Science and Technology (ICHST), Dunedin, New Zealand (June–July 2025)

The ICHM was strongly represented at the 2025 ICHST in Dunedin. The organizing committee of the ICHST accepted four ICHM-sponsored symposia, which covered a wide and rich range of themes:

1. Interactions between European and Latin American Mathematicians from Colonial Times to the 20th Century
(2 sessions, 5 talks) – Organizers: Clara Helena Sanchez Botero (Colombia), Sergio Roberto Nobre (Brazil), Alejandro Ricardo Garcia Diego Dantan (Mexico), Luis Manuel Ribeiro Saraiva (Portugal).
2. The Roles of Learned Societies and Scientific Institutions in Facilitating (or Obstructing) International Exchange in Mathematics and Statistics

- (2 sessions, 6 talks) – Organizers: Brigitte Stenhouse (UK), Nicolas Michel (Germany), Sayori Ghoshal (India).
3. Circulation of Ideas on Field–Particle Dualism
(2 sessions, 5 talks) – Organizers: Isobel Falconer (UK), Bernadette Lessel (Germany).
 4. Creation and Dissemination of Mathematical Knowledge in Ancient China: Peoples, Places, Exchanges, and Circulation
(3 sessions, 8 talks) – Organizers: Jian-Ping Jeff Chen (USA), Joseph W. Dauben (USA), Shuchun Guo (China), Dahai Zou (China).

Each symposium received up to €5,000 in support for the participation of early career, unemployed, or economically disadvantaged scholars. Funding covered travel, registration (in-person or online), and accommodation.

We are also pleased to report that our application for additional DHST funding (€1,000) to further assist early career participants at ICHST was successful. We are grateful for this additional funding.

ICHM Open Meeting and Prizes

The ICHM Open Meeting took place during the ICHST on Monday, 30 June 2025, in Dunedin. Around 20 participants attended in person and several more joined online.

During the meeting, the following ICHM Prize winners were announced:

- May Medal and Prize: *Jan Hogendijk*
- May Medal and Prize: *David Rowe*
- Montucla Prize: *Henning Heller*
- Montucla Commendation: *Alison Maidment*

These awards recognise exceptional scholarly contributions to the history of mathematics, from established leaders to promising new voices in the field.

We also enjoyed a reception after the Open Meeting for further building and sustaining networks. This was a lively affair.

b. Publications arising from the work of the Commission in the last year.

Historia Mathematica is the official journal of the ICHM. It appears four times annually and publishes roughly 525 pages of original research in the history of mathematics from all times and cultures. The journal is currently edited by Antoni Malet (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain) and Jeffrey Oaks (University of Indianapolis, USA). It is published by Elsevier Science and is available electronically to subscribers of [ScienceDirect](#).

c. Activities supported in the last year

- *See (a) above*

d. Changes to the governance or organization structure of the Commission

None

3. Future plans

Activities planned for 2025

Looking ahead, ICHM will host an ICHM Awards Meeting in Oxford, UK, on 6 March 2026. At this event, the May Medal and Montucla Prize winners—Jan Hogendijk, David Rowe, and Henning Heller—will be formally presented with their awards and will be delivering lectures on their work.

The meeting has been scheduled to precede the British Society for the History of Mathematics Research in Progress Meeting, creating a two-day celebration of research and scholarship in our discipline. We hope many ICHM members and early career scholars will be able to attend.

We also plan to expand our small grants program, continue strengthening our connections with mathematical societies, and explore further ways to promote the global and inclusive development of the history of mathematics.

4. Financial report

Expenditure for 2025

Early-Career Scholar Grants:

- Travel grants for three ECRs to participate in BHSM Research in Progress, Oxford, United Kingdom. 22 February 2025. EUR 596.93 awarded.
- Travel Grants to two ECRs to participate in ICHST, Dunedin, New Zealand. 29 June – 5 July 2025. EUR 428.74

International Conferences:

- 35th Novembertagung, Nancy, France. 17-19 November 2025. EUR 1456.64 awarded.
- ICHST, Dunedin, New Zealand. 29 June – 5 July 2025. EUR 18639.45 awarded (+ EUR 146.20 in transfer fees)

Conference organizers submit reports on their conferences and these reports are published on the ICHM website here. The financial assistance is offered to the conference organizer in the form of a grant.

Recognition:

- Two May Medals, EUR 4000 awarded (+ EUR 36.55 in transfer fees)
- One Montucla Award, EUR 1500 awarded

- Commission of two physical May Medals, EUR 135.12 (+ EUR 36.55 in transfer fees)

Income for 2025:

Elsevier Honoraria EUR 5000.

DHST Grant EUR 3000.

The financial position of the ICHM is currently good (EUR 26,155.91 at year's end)

3.4. Committee on Publishing (CoP)

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CoP (formerly CEIC)

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CoP Annual Report 2025

In 2025, Lynn Heller (China) and Mark Wilson (US) joined CoP for a 4-year term. There were 6 online meetings and a two-day workshop at the IMU Headquarter in Berlin in September 2025.

Organizational aspects & internal work

While the mission of CEIC has proved surprisingly timeless, the name CEIC was perceived as outdated by many and regularly lead to the need for explanations. The topic had been discussed online several times within the committee, at the September 2024 meeting in New York and some other occasions. At the end of all these discussions, a clear and short new name emerged: "IMU Committee on Publishing", with the acronym CoP. The name does not emphasize the end product (publications, which would be rather narrow), but rather the process in a very general sense—it includes all kinds of making mathematical content publicly available, be it a video, a blog, or a traditional article, posting to the arXiv, and also all the problems and challenges that are part of the process, the need for an adequate infrastructure etc. Hence, CEIC unanimously decided in January 2025 to ask the EC to formally change the name from CEIC to CoP, and this was approved at the EC meeting in March 2025.

As a result of extensive preparations in 2024, the new CoP webpage was finally launched in June 2025, right with the new name.

As indicated at other occasions, the raising work load and email density of scholars implies that CoP needs administrative support in the future, at least for book keeping and scheduling of meetings.

Fraudulent Publishing in the Mathematical Sciences

The joint IMU-ICIAM Working Group (for the IMU: Ilka Agricola, Lynn Heller, Moritz Schubotz, Peter Taylor; for the ICIAM: Wil Schilders, Luis Vega) prepared their final article and recommendations in Spring 2025. This was one of the main CoP activities this year, as it was accompanied by an intensive press campaign, talks, and interviews. Both documents were unanimously approved by the CoP and have been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the IMU and the Board of the ICIAM in May/June 2025, and then circulated in the IMU Newsletter. They may be found on the webpage

<https://www.mathunion.org/cop/documents/documents-produced-cop>

Article: *Fraudulent Publishing in the Mathematical Sciences*
Notices Am. Math. Soc. 72, No. 9, 1038-1049 (2025),
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.07257>

Recommendations: *How to fight fraudulent publishing in the mathematical sciences: joint recommendations of the IMU and the ICIAM.*
Notices Am. Math. Soc. 72, No. 10, 1179-1183 (2025),
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.09877>

Details on the press campaign and the different reactions may be found in the Appendix to this report. It includes links to reprints, articles, interviews etc.

Outreach

CoP shall continue its outreach activities to the scientific community by talks at conferences & workshops as well as through articles in bulletins, newsletters etc. of national societies. In 2025, virtually all activities and invitations were about fraudulent publishing, proving the general interest in the problem. As part of this activity, I gave the following talks, entitled "*The challenges of predatory journals and paper mills in mathematics: A glimpse at the parallel universe of fake science*" (or similar):

Online:

- Nov. 17, 2025: Iberian Online Analysis Seminar, moderated by Jorge Buescu (EMS Vice-President) <https://keniercastillo.com/group/iberian-seminar>
- April 10, 2025: EMS CDC Spring 2025 meeting: Mathematical publishing and the Global South

In presence:

- January 22, 2026: Annual Assembly of Berliner Mathematische Gesellschaft
- September 2025: DMV-ÖMG-Jahrestagung Linz

In his role of Editor-in-Chief of the AMS Notices, Mark Wilson conducted an interview with Ramon Zabih from arXiv on *The future of arXiv*. It appeared in Notices Am. Math. Soc. 72, No. 9, 1033-1037 (2025). Indeed, the CoP is

following closely the developments on the future of arXiv, as it is perceived as a key resource for free science. The aim would be an arXiv that is financially independent, cannot be bullied by governments hostile to science, and technically solid, both for back archiving and future implementation as a modern database. The CoP welcomes the initiatives of the IMU secretary Christoph Sorger and the EC liaison officer Ulrike Tillmann in this respect. CoP members Ilka Agricola and Jean-Pierre Bourguignon are also involved in these considerations.

Meeting of CoP in Berlin

This meeting took place at the IMU headquarter in Berlin, September 19-20, 2025.

- Participants: Ilka Agricola, Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, Marie Farge, Takashi Kumagai, Lynn Heller, Ingrid Rewitzky, Peter Taylor, Mark Wilson.
- Guests: Ulrike Tillmann, Christoph Sorger.
- Invited speakers: Anna Abalkina ('Large scale fraud in science — insights of a science sleuth'), Jonas Henkel ('AI assisted research in (pure) math').

Besides an exchange on ongoing topics and discussion of the invited talks, the workshop wanted to find out: What should be the priorities of CoP in the next years? What are the most pressing needs of our communities?

The following topics were identified:

1. Intensify community work / awareness campaigns. What would be good channels?
2. Identify and advertise sustainable business and governance models for journals
3. Formulate best practice for editors & journals vs. fraudulent publishing, ethical issues
4. How to reform the peer review process?
5. What will be the impact of AI on publishing, and how can we prevent the system from collapsing?
6. Give advice on more sophisticated topics, like: copyright, licenses, rules of grant agencies/CNRS...), permissions [campaign name: t_0+5]
7. In 2024, the IMU endorsed the results of the committee on permissions. What are viable instances of implementing them, how to organize it, how to secure funding?

ICM Philadelphia

In 2025, preparations for the CoP activities at the ICM in Philadelphia were launched. There will probably be two panel slots. Peter Taylor, Lynn Heller, and Mark Wilson will represent the CoP. This will be detailed in the next report.

Future of CoP

I would like to draw the EC attention to the fact that a successor for the chair is needed in 2027. In order to ensure a smooth transition, it would be valuable to nominate someone quickly and to try to schedule an in-person meeting of CoP in Berlin in early 2027.



Berlin, September 2025 (f.l.t.r: Peter Taylor, Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, Marie Farge, Ilka Agricola (chair), Lynn Heller, Mark Wilson, Takashi Kumagai, Christoph Sorger, Ulrike Tillmann)

Signed: Ilka Agricola (CoP Chair), March 5, 2026 (approval by the CoP by email)

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CoP Report Appendix

Ilka Agricola, March 4, 2026

General Information and reactions to the article & recommendations on fraudulent publishing — Appendix to CoP 2025 Report

On Monday, September 14th 2025 appeared the joint press release of IMU and DMV on the two publications on fraudulent publishing, coordinated by Thomas Vogt and including quotes by Christoph Sorger (IMU) and Jürg Kramer (DMV). It was sent successfully to the DMV's extensive press distribution list, and it was also discussed at the Heidelberg Laureate Forum which took place the same week.

Link to the IMU website:

<https://www.mathunion.org/cop/documents/documents-produced-cop>

Link to DMV website:

<https://www.mathematik.de/presse/5242-systematischer-betrug-bei-publikationen-in-der-mathematik-aufgedeckt>

The original article and recommendations were posted in a coordinated way on arXiv and in parallel published in two consecutive issues of the AMS Notices. This outlet was chosen to offer maximal distribution.

Article: Fraudulent Publishing in the Mathematical Sciences
Notices Am. Math. Soc. 72, No. 9, 1038-1049 (2025),
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.07257>

Recommendations: How to fight fraudulent publishing in the mathematical sciences: joint recommendations of the IMU and the ICIAM.
Notices Am. Math. Soc. 72, No. 10, 1179-1183 (2025),
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.09877>

The combined LinkedIn post got more than 7000 views and about 20 reposts. Some screenshots are attached. There was a radio feature and a blog entry, more will probably follow.

Radio interview (Deutschlandfunk):

<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/mathematik-betrug-bei-zitaten-und-veroeffentlichungen-100.html>

Retraction Watch blog:

<https://retractionwatch.com/2025/09/24/math-has-publication-fraud-too/#more-132920>

<https://retractionwatch.com/2025/09/08/article-broker-a-techo-china-journal-editors-publishing-deals/>

Article in QSpace by Nicola Jones:

<https://qspace.fqxi.org/articles/281/beating-back-fraud-in-mathematics#:~:text=%20Sometimes%20these%20journals%20put%20names,blame%20the%20individual%20for%20that>

There were reactions by many colleagues, journalists (ZDF), science journalists (Manon Bischoff, Jackson Ryan), science sleuths (Anna Abalkina, Leonid Schneider), and even whistle blowers.

It's also my first article to receive a comment on pubpeer,

<https://pubpeer.com/publications/AF980189EC7468F624A48307175C6C>

Typical secondary blog article:

<https://winfuture.de/news,153632.html>

The recommendations were reprinted at several places, for example in:

- German Mathematical Society DMV: Mitt. Dtsch. Math.-Ver. 33, No. 4, 249-252 (2025)
- Austrian Mathematical Society: Internat. Math. Nachrichten Nr. 258 (2025), 47-54

The LMS published an editorial in its Newsletter Issue 517 from November 2025:

https://www.lms.ac.uk/sites/default/files/inline-files/NLMS_517.v5.nocrop_0.pdf

Translations in many languages are under way – France, China, Russia, India, Japan, Vietnam, and the list is growing. It also appeared in the DIANOIA newsletter of ICIAM in October 2025,

<https://iciam.org/news/25/10/13/standing-against-fraudulent-publishing>

As Wil Schilders said, he received only positive reactions so far.

Finally, Moritz Schubotz and Jan Philip Solovej published a much more far reaching article on the topic in the EMS Magazine,

Moritz Schubotz, Jan Philip Solovej,

Fraudulent publishing in mathematics: a European call to action and how information infrastructure can help. Eur. Math. Soc. Mag. 138 (2025), pp. 33–35

<https://doi.org/10.4171/mag/288>

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Matematika je (meta)jazykem, kterému je třeba rozumět - nejde u ní "překlad na jeden klik", jakým si do svého jazyka můžete snadno překlápat tento velmi podstatný post.


Poukazuje na velmi důslednou studii a doporučení (v plném znění na arxiv:2509.09877), vypracované panelem celosvětové matematické asociace, **International Mathematical Union**, pod vedením Ilka Agricola (která mimochodem minulý týden přednášela na **Masaryk University**).

Za velké nebezpečí jsou označovány "citační kartely" a s nimi související nesmyslnost využívání standardní scientometrie v tomto oboru, což je bohužel právě přístup vedení **MU Faculty of Science** účelově zneužívaný při vnitřním hodnocení a odměňování zaměstnanců na našem ústavu. Věřím, že toto aktuální připomenutí normalizačních dob je u nás jen dočasně!

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Joint IMU-ICIAM publication on Fraudulent Publishing in the Mathematical Sciences


This report is the first of two publications of a joint Working Group of the International Mathematical Union (IMU) and the International Council of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM). In it, we analyze the current state of publishing in the mathematical sciences and explain the resulting problems. Our second publication will offer concrete recommendations, guidelines, and best practices for researchers, policymakers, and evaluators of mathematical research. It will explain how to detect and counteract attempts to game bibliometric measures, empowering the community to reclaim control over research evaluation and drive necessary change.

The publication will soon be available in the Notices of the AMS, but is now already available on ArXiv: https://lnkd.in/ey_nsUND

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Systematischer Betrug bei Publikationen in der Mathematik aufgedeckt

Berlin, 15. Sept. 2025. Ein internationales Autorenteam um Ilka Agricola, Professorin für Mathematik an der Universität Marburg, hat im Auftrag der DMV und der Internationalen Mathematischen Union (IMU) betrügerische Praktiken bei der Publikation von Forschungsergebnissen in der Mathematik untersucht und dabei systematischen Betrug über Jahre hinweg dokumentiert. Die Ergebnisse der Studie wurden kürzlich auf dem Preprintserver arxiv.org und in den Notices der American Mathematical Society (AMS) publiziert und sorgen seitdem unter Mathematiker*innen für Aufregung. Um das Problem zu lösen werden im Kontext der Studie auch Empfehlungen für die Publikation von Forschungsergebnissen in der Mathematik gegeben. www.mathematik.de (Bild: Studienleiterin Ilka Agricola; Fotograf/Copyright Torsten Richter)



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3.5. Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM)

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Report of the activities of the IMU Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM) in 2025

1) Committee members

The composition of CWM 2023-2026 is as follows.

- Carolina Araujo, IMPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - *Chair*
- H el ene Barcelo, SLMATH, Berkeley, USA - *Vice Chair*
- U.K. Anandavardhanan, IIT Bombay, India
- Tony Ezome († 05/10/2025), Ecole Normale Sup erieure, Libreville, Gabon
- Catherine Greenhill, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Motoko Kotani, Tohoku University, Japan
- Matilde Lal ın, Universit e de Montr eal, Canada
- Selma Negzaoui, University of Monastir, Tunisia
- Ekin Ozman, Bogazici University, Turkey
- Carola Bibiane-Sch onlieb, University of Cambridge, UK

IMU EC liaison: Hiraku Nakajima, University of Tokyo, Japan

It is with great sadness that we report the untimely passing of our colleague Tony Ezome on October 5, 2025, in Libreville, Gabon, at the age of 45.

2) CWM virtual meeting

In 2024, the CWM held one online meeting, on January 23, 2025. Most of the discussions were conducted by email.

Agenda of CWM Meeting - January 23 2025 14:00 UTC

- 1) Selection of activities to be supported (CWM Call 2025)

2) Other topics

3) Activities supported by the CWM Call 2025

In October 2024, the CWM Call 2025 was launched, inviting proposals for funding activities or initiatives to support women in mathematics taking place from March 2025 to February 2026.

The CWM Call 2025 received 61 applications, the largest number ever received, of which 13 were selected for support. Depending on the nature of the project, CWM funding was allocated to infrastructure, website creation and updates, travel expenses, and accommodation support for women participants from developing countries. In what follows, we provide basic information on each selected project.

African Women in Mathematics: Challenging questions and Women in SAGE-Tunisia (BUR1)

This was a project led by the African Women in Mathematics Association (AWMA) and consisted of two events. The first was the conference “African Women in Mathematics: Challenging Questions,” which was designed to explore challenging questions in mathematics, encourage collaborative problem-solving, and provide a platform for discussions on the future of African women in mathematics. The second was the workshop “Women in SAGE–Tunisia.” This project, WIS-Africa, was aimed at young African researchers and graduate students and had previously been organized in Senegal (2021), Nigeria (2022), Uganda (2023), and Burundi (2024). The workshop included projects mentored by group leaders across various areas of mathematics and made use of the SageMath software.

Meeting of Women in Mathematics in Central Africa (CON1)

This was a two-day event associated with the African Mathematical Schools of CIMPA, held in July 2024 at Marien Ngouabi University, Brazzaville, Congo. It was dedicated to women researchers working in Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as to undergraduate students. The program consisted of research presentations and discussion sessions.

Empowering Arab Women in Mathematics: Building Bridges for Collaboration and Growth (EGY1)

This initiative aimed to establish the Arab Women in Mathematics Network (AWMN), a platform designed to empower women mathematicians across the Arab world. The project was launched with a one-day workshop at Ain Shams University, Cairo, held in honor of Professor Entisarar El Shobaky, followed by a two-day hybrid conference in May 2025.

Women in Algebraic and Geometric Topology, Dynamical Systems and Evolution Algebras (BRA3)

This Brazilian project aimed to promote collaboration and mentorship among women researchers in mathematics, with a focus on algebraic and geometric topology, group theory, and related areas. It included a Research Collaboration Conference, which took place in February 2026, during which participants collaborated on pre-defined projects.

Collaborative Workshop for Women in Graph Theory (INDN3)

Through this workshop, the organizers aimed to initiate collaborations with women combinatorialists from Southeast Asia. The event was structured as a problem-solving workshop: problems were introduced at the beginning, and the remainder of the time was devoted to discussion aimed at solving them. The goal was to foster collaborations that could continue remotely afterward.

Remark: The organizers have not responded to CWM to claim the approved funding in the amount of €1,500.00.

Second Meeting of Women in Topology, Geometry, and their Applications (MEX2)

The Second Meeting of Women in Topology, Geometry and their Applications aimed to foster a safe, inclusive, and intellectually stimulating environment for individuals who identify as women and non-binary people assigned female at birth to share and develop mathematical projects. It took place in Mexico in September 2025, with plenary talks, networking sessions, a poster session, and a round table to share experiences and discuss the challenges of working in male-dominated fields. It also included an outreach session to engage local girls and teenagers.

Second African Women in Algebra Workshop (NIG3)

African Women in Algebra (AWA) is an association of African women working in algebra and its applications. AWA organized the Second African Women in Algebra Workshop in August 2025, at the University of Abuja, Nigeria. The AWA workshops were strategically designed to empower women pursuing careers in algebra, fostering their interest, development, and advancement in the field.

Bridging Gender Gaps in Algebra in the Southern Cone (ARG2)

The purpose of this project was to support South American women mathematicians attending the X Encuentro Nacional de Álgebra, which took place in Córdoba, Argentina. Additionally, the event featured workshops aimed at raising awareness of and finding solutions to gender inequalities, as well as a networking session for female professors and students seeking advisors for their undergraduate or graduate theses.

Indian Women in Mathematics Activities in 2025 (IND3)

The collective Indian Women in Mathematics (IWM) develops several activities to support women in mathematics, such as workshops, mini-courses, a visitor program, and the IWM Annual Conference. IWM organizes several activities throughout the year, selecting venues to reach women from diverse geographic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Kenyan Women in Mathematical Sciences Association Workshop 2025: Empowering African Women in Mathematics for Education and Entrepreneurship (KEN1)

To address challenges faced by women in mathematics across Africa, the Kenyan Women in Mathematical Sciences Association hosted a two-day workshop. The event provided participants with skills, networks, and mentorship to excel in educational innovation and digital entrepreneurship.

Nigerian Women in Mathematics 5th Biennial Conference (NIG2)

The Nigerian Women in Mathematics organized its 5th Biennial Conference in May 2025 at the University of Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria. The event aimed to promote the participation and advancement of women in the mathematical sciences across Nigeria and West Africa. The conference featured keynote lectures, panel discussions, and workshops focused on research methodologies and professional development.

Women Mathematician in a Technological Advancing World: All you Need to Know (BOT1)

Women in Mathematics, together with African Women in Data Science in Zimbabwe, organized a two-day workshop at the National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe, in August 2025. The workshop aimed to create an environment for young women in mathematics to network, receive mentorship, and develop essential mathematical skills through hands-on experiences guided by established women mathematicians from business, industry, government, and academia in Zimbabwe and beyond.

Empowering Young Women: Nurturing Future Mathematicians (IR1)

This project aimed to empower young Iranian women to pursue careers in mathematics by offering intensive math camps, hands-on workshops, and a robust mentorship program. Through these initiatives, it sought to create a supportive community, inspire participants, and increase female representation in mathematics and related fields.

4) CWM Newsletter

The CWM Newsletter has been issued twice a year since May 2019. One can subscribe to it through the CWM webpage (*). The Newsletter is sent automatically to those that have subscribed to it. It is also sent by email to CWM ambassadors, who distribute it in their country, and to various mathematical institutes. The Newsletter is also posted on CWM website and advertised in IMU-News. It is currently edited by CWM member Ekin Ozman. Two CWM Newsletters were issued in 2025 with the following content:

(*) <https://www.mathunion.org/cwm/about/cwm-newsletter>

CWM Newsletter Issue 13 - July 2025

- News from CWM: Approval of the third edition of (WM)² — World Meeting for Women in Mathematics as a Satellite Event of ICM 2026, Results of the annual CWM Call, May 12 Campaign, etc.
- Other News and Announcements: National Medal of Science for Ingrid Daubechies, Announcements of AWM-SIAM Sonia Kovalevsky Lecturer, AWM-AMS Emmy Noether Lecturer and Ruth I. Michler Memorial Prize.
- Article "The Mathematical Brilliance We Are Losing and What We Can do About It?" by C. Kenneth Fan, President and Founder, Girls 'Angle.

<https://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/CWM/Initiatives/CWMNewsletter13.pdf>

CWM Newsletter Issue 14 - December 2025

- Testimonial for Tony Ezome by Marie Françoise Ouedraogo.
- News from CWM: News about third edition of (WM)² — World Meeting for Women in Mathematics as a Satellite Event of ICM 2026, Postponement of the annual CWM Call, News from the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science, etc.
- Other News and Announcements: 2026 AWM Awards and Prizes at JMM.
- Article: "Humanistic Mathematics, Humanizing Mathematics: Why Now?" by Gizem Karaali from Pomona College.

<https://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/CWM/Initiatives/CWMNewsletter14.pdf>

5) Remember Maryam Mirzakhani Exhibition

The Remember Maryam Mirzakhani Exhibition consists of 18 original posters. It was first produced by CWM in 2018 for the Maryam Mirzakhani Memorial during the first World Meeting for Women in Mathematics - (WM)², in partnership with curator Thais Jordão and designer Rafael Meireles Barroso. Since then, it has been shown in several places across the globe. Institutions interested in hosting the exhibition can contact CWM to request an agreement. Once the request is approved, they receive access to a folder in IMU's cloud containing the 18 exhibition posters, as well as an introductory poster and flyers presenting the exhibition. In 2025, CWM made agreements with the following institutions to host Remember Maryam Mirzakhani Exhibition:

- University of Atacama, in Copiapó, Chile, on November 25-26, 2025.
- İzmir Tutam Tutam Matematik Festivali, İzmir, Turkey, May 24-25, 2025.
- ICMC — Institute of Mathematical and Computational Sciences of the University of São Paulo, Brazil, May 23-30, 2025.
- Institute of Research in Mathematics and Physics of UC Louvain (Belgium), May 8-31, 2025.
- Instituto de Matemática Pura e Aplicada (IMPA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from February 2025 to February 2026.
- Institute of Mathematics of the University of Würzburg, Germany, on the occasion of the celebration of International Day of Women in Mathematics 2025.
- Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, May 12 - 14, 2025.
- Department of Mathematics, University of Bergen, Norway, Celebration of the International Day of Women in Mathematics 2025, planned as permanent exhibition.

6) May 12 - Celebrating Women in Mathematics

May 12 marks the birthday of Maryam Mirzakhani. This date was chosen to celebrate Women in Mathematics in her memory, with the goal of inspiring women worldwide, celebrating their achievements in mathematics, and encouraging an open, welcoming, and inclusive work environment for all. Every year since 2019, a new May 12 campaign is launched, usually two months before the celebration day. This includes suggesting activities to be organized, making agreements with film companies to provide free screening of films related to women in mathematics during the celebration period (sometimes also arranging for creating subtitles in different languages), and maintaining the interactive May 12 website, which receives, gathers and displays information about events organized in the scope of May 12 across the globe

<https://may12.womeninmaths.org/>

Since 2024, "May 12" has been an official initiative of CWM, with a coordination group that includes representatives from various continental organizations supporting women in mathematics.

In 2025, "May 12" was once again a lively celebration of women in mathematics all over the world. The impact of the initiative has grown since last year, with a significant increase in the number of events registered on the interactive May 12 website (over 200), as well as in the number of participating countries (over 70). In this 7th edition of the May 12 initiative, arrangements were made with Zala Films and director George Csicsery to offer free screenings of three documentaries: *Journeys of Black Mathematicians: Forging Resilience*, *Journeys of Black Mathematicians: Creating Pathways*, and *Secrets of the Surface: The Mathematical Vision of Maryam Mirzakhani*.

7) (WM)² - World Meeting for Women in Mathematics

The World Meeting for Women in Mathematics (WM)² is one of the flagship initiatives of the CWM. Its primary objective is to encourage and support women in mathematics worldwide by strengthening professional networks and promoting their full participation in the ICM. Envisioned in 2015, the (WM)² series is held as a regular satellite event of the ICM, taking place the day before the ICM opening and at the same venue. It highlights the contributions of women mathematicians and is open to the entire mathematical community.

The inaugural (WM)² was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2018 and brought together 350 participants from 51 countries. The proceedings of the first (WM)² were published in 2019 as a special volume in the AWM Springer Series.

The second (WM)², originally planned to take place in St. Petersburg on July 5, 2022, was held virtually on July 1–2, 2022, following the IMU's decision to convert ICM 2022 into an online event. The virtual conference drew 1,100 registered participants from 110 countries. The proceedings will also be published as a special volume in the AWM Springer Series.

The third edition of the (WM)² will be held on July 22, 2026, as a hybrid satellite event of ICM 2026. In-person activities will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, USA, with remote participation available via Zoom. The program includes:

- Four invited research talks by leading mathematicians selected by the Scientific Committee: Kirsten Eisenträger (Penn State University, USA), Luz de Teresa (UNAM, Mexico), Chelsea Walton (Rice University, USA) and Melanie Weber (Harvard University, USA);
- a poster session;
- thematic group discussions over lunch;

- a panel discussion titled "Imagining Mathematics in the Future: Hope and Challenges."

The scientific program has been announced on the website

<https://worldwomeninmaths.org/>

and registration is now open through the same system as the ICM registration:

<https://www.icm2026.org/event/ac193975-5d24-4628-8c30-ddb23de19a8b/registration-instructions>

The third edition of (WM)² is organized by the CWM, with the support of the ICM 2026 Local Organizing Committee and the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM). Grantees from developing countries supported by the ICM 2026 Travel Support Program will have their registration fee to (WM)² waived.

8) The Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES)

The Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES) is an independent committee formed in 2020 by several international scientific organizations, including the IMU. These founding partners had worked together on the project *A Global Approach to the Gender Gap in Mathematical, Computing, and Natural Sciences: How to Measure It, How to Reduce It?*, which became known as the "Gender Gap in Science Project". The main goal of the project was to produce sound data about gender gap in science to support the choices of interventions that scientific unions could feasibly undertake. In 2020, the Gender Gap in Science Book was published, presenting the methodology, results, activities and recommendations of the project. The SCGES was formed as a follow-up to this project. Its aim is to ensure liaison amongst international scientific unions to foster gender equality and the implementation of recommendations of the "Gender Gap in Science Project".

Since 2022, the SCGES hosts the SCGES Webinar Series, highlighting a wide range of topics aligned with the committee's focus tasks. Recordings of all past SCGES webinars are available on the SCGES YouTube channel.

The SCGES fifth Annual Report was published in November 2025, and can be found on SCGES' website:

<https://gender-equality-in-science.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-SGCEs-Report-Final.pdf>

The current IMU representative at SCGES is Motoko Kotani (CWM member) and deputy representatives are Carolina Araujo (CWM chair) and Marie-Françoise Roy (former CWM chair).

9) CWM ambassadors

CWM has established a list of special correspondents worldwide, called CWM Ambassadors, with the job of disseminating information received from CWM, as well as keeping CWM informed about activities and initiatives in their countries. The original list included 85 names from 55 countries in 2016. There are now 182 CWM ambassadors from 103 countries. The list is posted on the CWM website (*).

(*) <https://www.mathunion.org/cwm/about/cwm-ambassadors>

10) Postponement of CWM Call 2026

The (WM)² and the CWM Call are CWM's main signature events, and their co-occurrence in 2026 understandably has a significant impact on CWM's annual budget, requiring careful financial management. The current political landscape in the U.S. has made it difficult to secure funding for (WM)² from U.S.-based foundations and agencies. To ensure responsible stewardship of resources, CWM decided to temporarily postpone the launch of the CWM 2026 Call until the budgetary situation becomes clearer.

11) CWM website and publicity

The CWM website gathers information about relevant organizations, news and events for women in mathematics across the globe:

<http://www.mathunion.org/cwm/>

It has been updated on a regular basis with the help of IMU archivist Birgit Seeliger and IMU Community Manager Vanessa Chung. CWM also contributes with a section in most issues of the IMU News.

12) CWM operation mode and liaison with the IMU EC and office

Most of CWM's work has been done by email. Zoom calls have also been used. The liaison with the IMU Executive Committee through Hiraku Nakajima has been very positive. We would like to thank the members of the IMU office staff who have consistently been very helpful.

13) CWM Expenditure 2025

<i>Balance left from 2022 (*)</i>	7 436,69 €
<i>Budget from IMU 2023</i>	22 545,00 €
Call 2025 - (IND3)	1 036,55 €
Call 2025 - (BOT1)	1 536,55 €
Call 2025 - (EGY1)	2 341,43 €
Call 2025 - (IR1)	1 000,00 €
Call 2025 - (KEN1)	1 036,55 €
Call 2025 - (MEX2)	1 536,55 €
Call 2025 - (CON1)	1 536,55 €
Call 2025 - (ARG2)	1 036,55 €
Call 2025 - (NIG3)	2 036,55 €
Call 2025 - (NIG2)	1 035,30 €
Call 2025 - (BUR1)	3 000,00 €
Call 2025 - (BRA3)	2 036,55 €
Editorial production of the Proceedings of the 2nd (WM) ²	788,55 €
Maintenance and hosting of (WM) ² website	750,00 €
CWM Newsletter/Sendinblue - Share CWM 2023	156,37 €
Total expenses 2025	20 864,05 €
<i>Balance left from 2025 (*)</i>	9 117,64 €

(*) We intentionally underspent in previous years in order to reserve funds to cover the expenses of the 3rd (WM)². The organizers of the project INDN3, selected in the CWM Call 2025, have not responded to CWM to claim the approved funding in the amount of €1,500.00.

14) Annex

A - CWM funding call for 2025

<https://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/CWM/Initiatives/CWMCall2025.pdf>

Carolina Araujo and Hélène Barcelo
Chair and Vice-chair of the IMU Committee for Women in Mathematics



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CWM Funding Call for 2025
<https://www.mathunion.org/cwm>

The IMU **Committee for Women in Mathematics** (CWM) invites proposals for funding of up to €3000 for activities or initiatives to support women in mathematics taking place from March 2025 to February 2026. Applications should be submitted **by December 13, 2024 (by 23:59 CET)**, via the homepage of IMU Grants: <https://grants.mathunion.org/>.

Proposals should fall under one of the following categories:

- a) **Establishing or supporting networks for women in mathematics**, preferably at the continental or regional level, with priority given to networks in developing countries. Activities could include, for example, creating videos, films or exhibitions, organizing mathematical activities or round-tables, setting up or improvement of websites, etc.
- b) **Research workshops geared towards establishing research networks for women**. Research Collaboration Conferences for Women, where junior and senior women work together on pre-defined research projects, demonstrate successful models of such events. For events organised in developed countries, CWM funding can only be used to support participants from developing countries. In any case, higher priority will always be given to events organised in developing countries. We recognise that the organisation of these events may take longer. Therefore, if justified, events that take place in 2026 may be considered for this category.
- c) **Other ideas** for researching and/or addressing issues encountered by women in mathematics. For any of these categories, budget can include travel and/or accommodation expenses for participants from developing countries, infrastructure and logistics, childcare, etc.

Note that **funding for individual research projects is not available**.

The application consists of a webform, to be filled in English, where applicants provide specific information about their project, and attach one file with the detailed budget. Except for the budget, there is no option to upload a file with the proposal, and **proposals will be evaluated based on the answers in the form only**. You will need to register in the IMU Grant Management system

before submitting your proposal. Each applicant may submit only one proposal for the call.

When evaluating a proposal, CWM may share it with external consultants for their opinion.

This will be the only call for applications regarding activities in 2025. Applications should be submitted **by December 13, 2024 (by 23:59 CET)**. Depending on budget availability, successful applications may not be funded in full. Successful applicants will be informed no later than January 31, 2025.

For any questions about the call, or if you do not receive an automated reply after submitting the application, please email us at applications-for-cwm@mathunion.org.

Homepage of IMU Grants: <https://grants.mathunion.org/>

4. Circular Letters of the IMU Secretary General to the Adhering Organizations



International Mathematical Union

January 6, 2025
IMU AO Circular Letter 1/2025

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Updated Contact Information

Dear colleagues

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 our Community Manager [Vanessa Chung](#) in Cc
– confirming that the information above is correct, or
– sending corrected/updated information.

Electronic voting

The individual email I will send to IMU members with voting rights will also ask for confirmation of the unique email address to be used for electronic voting.

Advice re 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.

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.

Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

April 11, 2025
IMU AO Circular Letter 2/2025

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

From: Hiraku Nakajima, IMU President

The nominees for President and Secretary General for IMU for 2027–2030

Dear colleagues

This is a follow-up to [Circular Letter 10/2024](#) inviting your nominations for President and Secretary General of the IMU for the next term 2027–2030.

The Nominating Committee ([CL 8/2024](#)), chaired by Helge Holden, unanimously proposes

IMU President: Ulrike Tillmann, UK

IMU Secretary General: Christoph Sorger, France (incumbent)

Short CVs are attached. Both nominees have stated that they are willing to serve if elected.

Any comments on these proposals should be sent by **15 June 2025**, to me at president@mathunion.org, using the official email address of your Adhering Organization or Committee for Mathematics.

According to the rule in the [Procedures for Election](#), the President-nominee and the Secretary-nominee are invited to the IMU Executive Committee meetings in the year of the ICM as observers if there is no objection. This rule does not apply this time, since both nominees will attend the EC meetings in 2026 as current EC members.

The election will take place at the 20th IMU General Assembly on 20–21 July 2026 in New York City, USA.

Regards

Hiraku Nakajima

President of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

May 26, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
3/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

IMU Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC)

Dear colleagues

I am writing to inform you about an important development concerning the [Committee on Electronic Information and Communication](#) (CEIC).

Following the enabling resolution adopted by the General Assembly in Dresden on August 16, 1998, the IMU Executive Committee (IMU EC) established in 1998 the CEIC to support the evolving landscape of scientific publishing and communication in the digital era. Over the years, the committee's mission has been periodically revised to reflect emerging trends and needs in this area.

Although the committee's mission remains highly relevant, the current committee felt that its name was outdated and inadequately expressed its remit. As a result, the CEIC proposed renaming itself the "IMU Committee on Publishing" (CoP).

This new name reflects a broader and more inclusive view of publishing—not limited to final outputs, but encompassing the entire process of making mathematical content publicly accessible. This includes various formats such as videos, blogs, traditional journal articles, preprints on the arXiv, and the associated challenges of each.

A formal proposal for the name change was presented to the IMU EC at its 2025 annual meeting, and the request was approved.

The IMU website and the existing CEIC subsite will be updated in due course to reflect this change.

Regards

Christoph Sorger



International Mathematical Union

May 28, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
4/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Registration for the ICM 2026

Dear colleagues

This is a follow-up to [Circular Letter 5/2023](#). Please note that registration for the [ICM 2026](#) is open. I would be very happy if you could distribute within your community the following deadlines:

Early Advanced: Register by August 1, 2025

Advanced: Register by May 11, 2026

To benefit from reduced rates, complete the [registration process](#) by these deadlines.

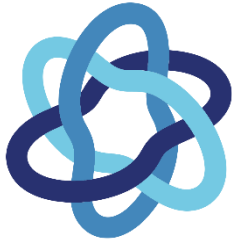
I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

A separate circular letter will be sent later with information on designating delegates and registering for the General Assembly.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

June 11, 2025
IMU AO Circular Letter 5/2025

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

A survey of the ISC, the IAP, and the SCGES on scientists' participation in scientific organizations

Dear colleagues

As you know, the IMU is a [member](#) of the [International Science Council](#) (ISC) and a founding partner of the [Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science](#) (SCGES).

The ISC, the [InterAcademy Partnership](#), and the SCGES have now created a [survey](#) to explore how scientists participate in scientific organizations over the course of their careers.

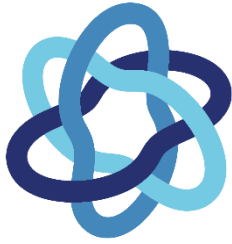
The outcome of the survey is expected to help broaden understanding of how scientific organizations function and evolve globally.

Specific information can be found on the [survey's landing page](#).

We encourage you to complete the survey and ask that you distribute it further within your community.

Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

June 18, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
6/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Update: The nominees for President and Secretary General for IMU for 2027–2030

Dear colleagues

This letter refers to the IMU AO Circular Letter [2/2025](#).

No objections were received regarding the following nominations for the term 2027–2030:

IMU President: Ulrike Tillmann, UK

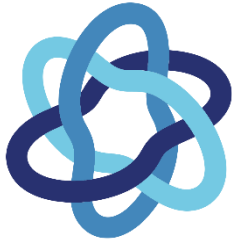
IMU Secretary General: Christoph Sorger, France (incumbent)

According to the rule in the [Procedures for Election](#), the President-nominee and the Secretary-nominee are invited to the IMU Executive Committee (EC) meetings in the year of the ICM as observers if there is no objection. This rule does not apply this time, since both nominees will attend the EC meetings in 2026 as current EC members.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

June 18, 2025

IMU AO Circular Letter 7/2025

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Call for nominations for IMU EC, CDC, and ICHM

Dear colleagues

Further to the call for nominations for the offices of President and Secretary General of the IMU, see IMU AO Circular Letters [10/2024](#) and [2/2025](#), I am now inviting the IMU's Adhering Organizations and Committees for Mathematics to submit names for the 2027–2030 term for the offices of the:

IMU Vice Presidents and IMU Executive Committee (EC) Members-at-Large

— The General Assembly will elect 2 Vice Presidents and 6 Members-at-Large.

President, Secretaries and Members-at-Large of the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

— 1 President, 1 Secretary for Policy and 1 Secretary for Grant Selection, and

— 3 Members-at-Large, representing Africa, Asia, and Latin America to be elected by the

General Assembly.

See [CDC Terms of Reference](#).

IMU Representatives to the International Commission on the History of Mathematics (ICHM).

— 2 IMU Representatives to ICHM to be elected by the General Assembly.

Submissions must include a candidate's statement of willingness to serve if elected and a CV.

CVs exceeding two pages in length will not be considered. Only electronic submissions are accepted.

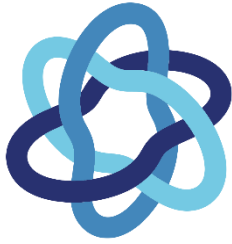
Please send your nominations by **15 November 2025** to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Helge Holden, chair@nc26.mathunion.org, using the official email address of your Adhering Organization or Committee for Mathematics. Membership in the Nominating Committee is given in IMU AO Circular Letter [8/2024](#).

Please note that members of the Committee on Publishing (CoP) and the Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM) are appointed by the IMU EC.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

July 8, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
8/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

A statement of the International Science Council

Dear colleagues

I write to you regarding the [International Science Council](#) (ISC), of which the IMU is a [member](#).

The [ISC Governing Board](#) issued a statement titled "International scientific collaboration: Vital yet vulnerable" on 20 June 2025. The statement underscores the urgent need to protect and strengthen global cooperation in science.

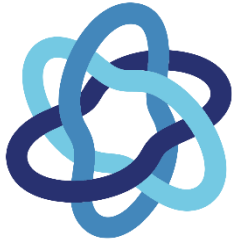
The full statement is available [here](#).

Please take some time to read this statement and distribute it further within your community.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

July 11, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
9/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

IMU General Assembly meeting in New York City, 2026

Dear colleagues

This is the second announcement about the next IMU General Assembly (GA) meeting, see also CL [5/2023](#).

The role of the GA is described in the IMU [Statutes](#), in particular, in Articles 19–25, and 42.

Date and Location

July 19, 2026 (Sunday) – arrival

July 20, 2026 (Monday) – meeting day 1

July 21, 2026 (Tuesday) – meeting day 2

July 22, 2026 (Wednesday) – departure

Location: New York City, USA

Venue: Marriott Marquis Times Square

Meeting Format

The GA will be a hybrid meeting, meaning both in person and remote participation will be possible.

Delegations

Each Adhering Organization (AO) must appoint and certify its delegation to the Secretary General. AOs must specify whether each delegate will participate in person or remotely. The number of possible delegates corresponds to the Group of Adherence, as outlined in Article 20 of the IMU Statutes.

I kindly request all AOs—including IMU Members, Associate Members, and Affiliate Members—to begin selecting their delegates and to submit the nominations by email to me: secretary@mathunion.org.

As Secretary General, I will maintain the official list of delegates and their nomination letters. Each nomination must include the delegate's full name, affiliation and email address. If a nominated delegate becomes unable to attend, and a replacement is needed, please inform me via email as soon as possible. We will facilitate the substitution process.

Please recall from previous GAs, that AOs are asked to provide a balanced and representative delegation.

Deadline

The deadline for submission of nominations is 31 January 2026. However, AOs that require their delegates to apply for a visa, should submit their nominations as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the visa process.

Voting

Voting during the GA will be conducted electronically. Each delegation will have to provide as many voting email addresses as they have votes. For example, an AO which is in Group 1 will have to provide 1 unique email address, while an AO in Group 3 must provide 3 unique email addresses, etc.

Delegates require a laptop, tablet, or smartphone to participate in the voting, and must have access to their voting email addresses.

Please note, that only the Delegates of IMU Members have voting rights at the GA. Affiliate and Associate Members have the right to participate in the GA via one representative without voting rights.

Other GA Participants

The IMU Executive Committee (EC) will invite further persons to the GA meeting. Among these

are

- IMU Officers (this group includes the IMU EC members, and Chairs/Presidents of IMU Commissions and Committees who will provide reports about their activities for IMU)
- Observers (this group includes possible representatives of countries that will apply for IMU (Associate) Membership and, moreover, representatives of ISC, ICIAM, and possibly other IMU related organizations)
- Members of the local GA organization in New York City.

No person in any of the categories mentioned here has a voting right at the GA. Note that no person will be allowed to participate in the GA without a formal approval or invitation from me.

Support for Participants

Accommodation: All registered GA Participants at the GA meeting will get their hotel accommodation in New York City covered for the period 19–22 July (three nights, single room rate) by the Simons Foundation.

Travel: One Delegate or Representative from each IMU Member, i.e., full IMU Member, Associate Member and Affiliate Member, can receive travel support from the IMU to attend the GA meeting in New York City. The transportation from New York City to the ICM venue will be arranged for all Delegates by the local organization.

Please see the attached document for the travel reimbursement amount and procedure.

Delegates who received an ICM travel grant will be permitted to extend their stay to cover the GA. The terms of funding stipulate that they must arrive at and depart from Philadelphia International Airport and then proceed to New York City. The travel expenses (train economy fare) incurred during the journey from Philadelphia International Airport to New York City can be reimbursed by the IMU.

GA Website

Additional and up-to-date information is available under the "IMU General Assembly" section on the [ICM 2026 website](#).

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



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Support for Participants
20th IMU General Assembly
20–21 July 2026

All registered IMU General Assembly (GA) participants at the GA meeting will get their hotel accommodation in New York City covered for the period 19–22 July (three nights, single room rate) by the Simons Foundation. Any additional items or expenses are the sole responsibility of each individual participant, and must be paid directly to the hotel. Examples of such additional items and expenses include room service, extra hotel nights, and accompanying guests.

One Delegate or Representative from each IMU Member, i.e., full IMU Member, Associate Member and Affiliate Member, can receive travel support from the IMU in order to attend the GA meeting in New York City. The conditions for the GA travel support are as follows:

- It is the responsibility of the IMU Member (AO) to nominate to the IMU Secretary General who will be the recipient of the GA travel grant (name of the person selected).
- GA travel grant implies that the IMU will reimburse travel expenses up to a maximum amount per grant, which depends on the geographical region of the member country. The maximum amounts per region and country are specified below.
- Only round trips from the country of the Delegate or Representative are eligible for reimbursement.
- Eligible travel expenses are basic economy class airfare, reasonable expenses to travel from home to the airport and back from the GA or ICM venue to the airport.
- Reimbursement for travel expenses is subject to the presentation of the following documents/receipts:
 - copy of passport;
 - summary of the travel expenses which are claimed to be reimbursed (note that there is a maximum amount), including travel support received from any other source, if applicable;
 - ticket, copy of boarding pass and any other receipts for travel expenses;
 - travel insurance (if no coverage from other sources and only for the travel to the GA meeting);
 - bank information.

Travel reimbursement will only take place when the required documents have been submitted by the grant recipient and will only be by bank transfer.

If a Delegate or Representative selected for the GA travel grant gets travel support

from any other source, this will be deducted from the amount available from the GA travel grant.

If a Delegate or Representative, who has been selected for the GA travel grant and has a valid ticket, but is unable to attend the GA meeting because of illness or an act of force majeure, travel expenses (or part thereof) may be reimbursed if the illness or the act of force majeure is duly certified and the travel expenses (or part thereof) are not refundable from other sources.

Of course, we appreciate IMU Members covering the travel expenses of all of their Delegates or Representatives to the GA meeting from their own sources wherever possible.

Maximum amounts of the GA travel grant per region and country of the AO (see Member Countries by Continent):

Region A: Africa

Maximum amount granted for reimbursement of travel expenses: 1,150 EUR

Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, AMU.

Region B: America

Maximum amount granted for reimbursement of travel expenses: 750 EUR

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, MCoFA, UMALCA.

Region C: Asia, Australia & Oceania

Maximum amount granted for reimbursement of travel expenses: 1,400 EUR

Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Georgia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea/Republic of, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, SEAMS.

Region D: Europe

Maximum amount granted for reimbursement of travel expenses: 750 EUR

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, EMS.

In addition, **Delegates from Priority groups 1&2** (Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam) each receive an extra 200 EUR.



International Mathematical Union

August 19, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
10/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Changes in the ICM Structure Committee

Dear colleagues

I refer to Circular Letter [2/2023](#) regarding the ICM Structure Committee for ICM 2026.

Terence Tao recently asked to step down from the role of ICM Structure Committee Chair, continuing instead as a regular member-at-large. On the recommendation of Terence Tao, IMU President Hiraku Nakajima invited Martin Hairer to take over as Chair, an invitation which he accepted.

The membership of the [ICM Structure Committee for ICM 2026](#) is now as follows:

Martin Hairer [Chair]
Hiraku Nakajima [IMU President, ex officio]
Nalini Anantharaman
Annalisa Buffa
Weinan E
Irene Fonseca
Isabelle Gallagher
Mike Hopkins
Meena Mahajan
Terence Tao
Akshay Venkatesh

Anna Wienhard
Geordie Williamson

The new Chair, Martin Hairer, can be contacted at chair@sc26.mathunion.org.

The IMU expresses its deep gratitude to Terence Tao for his leadership and dedicated service during his time as Chair, and to Martin Hairer for agreeing to take on this important responsibility going forward.

Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

September 8, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
11/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

An Update on the Call for Bids for ICM 2030

Dear colleagues

I refer to Circular Letter [9/2023](#) regarding the call for bids for ICM 2030.

We have updated our webpage about ICM 2030,

<https://www.mathunion.org/icm/icm-2030>,

with some further details regarding the bidding process.

Regards

Christoph Sorger
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



International Mathematical Union

September 15, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
12/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Joint Recommendations and a Report of the IMU and the ICIAM on Fraudulent Publishing

Dear colleagues

Fraudulent publishing and citation cartels have emerged as a significant concern within our community. Notably, in November 2023, Clarivate, the parent company of Web of Science, announced that it excluded the entire mathematical discipline from the most recent edition of its list of highly cited authors. The rationale provided for this exclusion was as follows (see Clarivate's blog entry by David A. Pendlebury, November 15, 2023, [Highly Cited Researchers 2023: The evolution of our evaluation and selection policy to support a robust scholarly landscape](#)):

"(Mathematics) is a highly fractionated research domain, with few individuals working on a number of specialty topics. The average rate of publication and citation in Mathematics is relatively low, so small increases in publication and citation tend to distort the representation and analysis of the overall field. Because of this, the field of Mathematics is more vulnerable to strategies to optimize status and rewards through publication and citation manipulation."

Since then, the International Mathematical Union (IMU) and the International Council of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM) have established a working group to delve deeper into the study of fraudulent publishing and citation cartels. This working group, comprising Ilka Agricola, Lynn Heller, Wil Schilders, Moritz Schubotz, Peter Taylor, and Luis Vega, has recently authored a report on the subject and has formulated precise recommendations for policymakers and institutions, outlining strategies to foster ethical scientific practices while simultaneously detecting and addressing fraudulent conduct.

For individuals, the recommendations provide a set of possible actions to safeguard research communities from being corrupted by fraud and pure business interests.

These recommendations were formulated by the authors in close collaboration with the IMU Committee on Publishing (chaired by Ilka Agricola) and were endorsed by the Executive Committee of the IMU and the Board of the ICIAM in May/June 2025.

Please find the recommendations and report below:

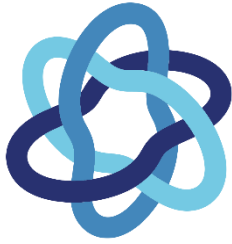
- [2025-IMU-ICIAM-Recommendations-on-Fraudulent-Publishing](#)
- [2025-IMU-ICIAM-Report-on-Fraudulent-Publishing](#)

The report will appear in the [October issue of the Notices of the American Mathematical Society](#).

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Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union



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November 19, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
13/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

Heidelberg Laureate Forum 2026

Dear colleagues

The 13th [Heidelberg Laureate Forum](#) will take place in Heidelberg, Germany between 13–18 September 2026.

At the HLF, all winners of the Fields Medal, the Abel Prize, the ACM A.M. Turing Award, the Nevanlinna Prize/IMU Abacus Medal, and the ACM Prize in Computing are invited to attend. In addition, young and talented computer scientists and mathematicians are invited to apply for participation. The previous HLFs have been an exceptional success. The HLF serves as a great platform for interaction in the fields of mathematics and computer science.

Over the course of the week-long conference, young researchers will be given the possibility to connect with their scientific role models and find out how the laureates made it to the top of their fields.

Applications for participation at the 13th HLF are now open in three categories: Undergraduate/Pre-Master, Graduate PhD, and PostDocs.

The deadline for application is 11 February 2026, 11:59 p.m. Berlin time (CET/UTC+1)

The IMU Adhering Organizations and national mathematical societies can also nominate young researchers. Nominated persons get “priority treatment”, but, since there may be too many nominations, they have no acceptance guarantee.

Nominators need to register via the link <https://application.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org>, click on "Register as Nominator" and enter the organization code **IMU3791** when registering.

The deadline to submit nominations is

2 February 2026, 11:59 p.m. Berlin Time (CET/UTC+1)

Please note that all previous login information and nominator accounts were deleted in accordance with German data protection regulations.

All applications are reviewed by an international committee of experts to ensure that only the most qualified candidates are invited. There are about 100 spaces available for each discipline of mathematics and computer science. All applicants will be notified by the end of April 2026 whether or not they are invited.

The IMU asks its Adhering Organizations to share this information, along with the code above, with their national mathematical communities. However, please do not post the code publicly online.

Regards

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November 26, 2025
**IMU AO Circular Letter
14/2025**

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

From: Christoph Sorger, IMU Secretary General

IMU Bulletin No. 76 (2024)

Dear colleagues

IMU Bulletin No. 76, reporting about IMU activities in 2024, is now available on the [IMU website](#).

Please note that we do not intend to send out printed versions.

Regards

Christoph Sorger

Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union

5. The IMU Secretariat

The Secretariat of the International Mathematical Union has been permanently based in Berlin, Germany, at the [Weierstrass Institute](#) since January 2011. Following a positive evaluation of the work of the IMU Secretariat between 2011-2018, an unlimited Cooperation Agreement with WIAS was signed in 2018 (as approved at the 18th IMU General Assembly).

Under the supervision of the IMU Executive Committee, the Secretariat runs the IMU's day-to-day business and provides support for many IMU operations, including administrative assistance for the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) and the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC), as well as mainly technical assistance for the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC) and the Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM).

The IMU Secretariat also hosts the IMU Archive.



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