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List of abbreviations

IMU	International Mathematical Union
- ICMI	International Commission on Mathematical Instruction
- CDE	Commission on Development and Exchange
- ICHM	(Joint) International Commission on the History of Mathematics
IUHPS	International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science
ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions
- COSPAR	Committee on Space Research
- COSTED	Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries
- CTS	Committee on the Teaching of Science

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IMU General Assembly

The following letter has been sent to all Adhering Organizations of IMU:

- 1. The eleventh General Assembly of IMU will be held on August 18 to 20, 1990, at the International Conference Center in Kobe, Japan.
- 2. According to the Statutes of the Union, each Adhering Organization "shall appoint and certify to the Secretary of the Union a delegation which shall have the number of votes corresponding to the Group in which it adheres, as follows:

Group:	I	II	III	IV	V
Number of votes:	1	2	3	4	5

provided that the number of delegates shall not exceed the corresponding number of votes. Any Adhering Organization which desires to ensure its full quota of representatives at meetings of the General Assembly by the appointment of alternates for its regularly named delegates may do so, provided that no such alternate shall be permitted to participate in the work of the General Assembly until he has been duly certified to the Secretary of the Union as assuming the powers and duties of the delegate he has been designated to replace. No person shall be a member of the delegation of more than one country. Voting by the General Assembly shall be by delegations, provided that each delegation shall be free to cast the votes to which it is entitled either as a unit or divided in such a manner as it may determine."

- 3. You are hereby requested to designate the delegation of your country. Please enter on the accompanying form the names of your delegates, with alternates if any, together with their addresses and return this form to the Secretariat by March 1, 1990.
- 4. Enclosed you will also find a hotel form for your delegate(s) and other material from Japan which should be given to the delegates to be filled and sent to Japan, as requested.
- 5. As provided for in the By-Laws of the Union, Adhering Organizations may propose business to be transacted at the General Assembly. Such proposals shall reach the Secretary at least four months before the meeting, i.e., not later than March 31, preferably before March 1, 1990.

The information material from Japan will be sent upon request to members who have not received it.

International Mathematical Union

General Assembly

Kobe, Japan, August 18–20, 1989

Appointment of Delegations

You are hereby requested to designate the delegat	tion of your country.
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Procedure for the Election of the Executive Committee of IMU

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- 1. Not less than a year before the meeting of the G.A., the E.C. shall request proposals for the membership of the E.C. from the Committees for Mathematics, to be considered before the meeting of the E.C. in the spring before the Assembly.
 - The E.C. shall then draw up its own list of nominations and this shall be made known to delegates not later than two months before the General Assembly. The E.C. shall make certain that the candidate is willing to serve if elected.
- 2. Further nominations may be may in writing before the commencement of business on the second day of the meeting provided that they are signed by at least ten delegates and contain a statement by the candidate that he or she is willing to serve if elected.
 - Each nomination shall be for a specific office: President, Secretary, Vice-President or Member at large of the E.C.
- 3. On the first day of the meeting, the General Assembly shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of:
 - (a) the President (chairman),
 - (b) all Past Presidents who are present (ex-officio),
 - (c) eight further delegates.
 - Election to (c) shall be from names either proposed by the President or proposed and seconded from the floor; and shall be by show of hands unless the meeting decides otherwise.
- 4. The Nominating Committee shall propose a slate from the nominations made under (1) and (2) above and shall make it known to the meeting.

 No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.
- 5. The General Assembly shall then elect the new Executive by written ballots. The voting slips shall contain all the names nominated under (1) and (2) (unless a candidate withdraws), but no others.
 - A vote shall be invalid if more names are marked in any category than the number of places to be filled (i.e., one each for President and Secretary, two for Vice-Presidents and five for Members at large).
 - A candidate for President or Secretary may be elected only if unopposed or if he or she obtains a majority of the votes cast. If the first ballot is indecisive, there shall be a second ballot.
 - In the ballots for the Vice-Presidents and Members at large, the two or five candidates respectively who obtain the largest numbers of votes shall be elected.
 - In the event of a tie, the President shall decide.

Note: Statute 9 provides (inter alia) that: "each delegation shall be free to cast the votes to which it is entitled either as a unit or divided in such a manner as it may determine".

Procedure for the Election of the Executive Committee of ICMI

The rules for the election of the Executive Committee of ICMI are similar to those for the election of the Executive Committee of IMU with the same Nominating Committee.

The E.C. of IMU shall request proposals for the membership of the E.C. of ICMI from the Committees for Mathematics and will conduct extensive consultations with the existing Executive Committee of ICMI before proposing slates to the Nominating Committee.

No person can be a candidate for more than one office.

Procedure for the Election of CDE

The rules for the election of the Commission of Development and Exchange are similar to those for the election of the Executive Committees of IMU and ICMI with the same Nominating Committee.

The E.C. of IMU shall request proposals for the membership of CDE from the Committees for Mathematics and will conduct extensive consultations with the existing CDE before proposing slates to the Nominating Committee.

No person can be a candidate for more than one office.

International Commission on Mathematical Instruction

Terms of Reference

1986

- 1. The Commission shall consist of
 - (a) the members of an Executive Committee as specified in (2) below, elected by IMU, and
 - (b) one delegate from each member nation as specified in (4) below,
- 2. The Executive Committee consists of four officers, namely, President, two Vice-Presidents, and Secretary, and of three further members. Furthermore, the outgoing President of ICMI, the President and the Secretary of IMU, and the representative of IMU at CTS (ICSU) are members ex-officio of the E.C.
- In all other respects the Commission shall make its own decisions as to its internal organization and rules of procedure.
- 4. Any Adhering Organization wishing to support or encourage the work of the Commission may create, or recognize, in agreement with its Committee

- for Mathematics, a Sub-Commission for ICMI to maintain liaison with the Commission in all matters pertinent to its affairs. The Adhering Organization in question shall designate one member of the said Sub-Commission, if created, to serve as a delegated member of ICMI as mentioned in (1).
- 5. The Commission shall be charged with the conduct of the activities of IMU, bearing on mathematical or scientific education and shall take the initiative in inaugurating appropriate programmes designed to further the sound development of mathematical education at all levels, and to secure public appreciation of its importance. In the pursuit of this objective, the Commission shall cooperate, to the extent it considers desirable with effective regional groups which may be formed spontaneously, within, or outside, its own structure.
- The Commission may, with the approval of the Executive Committee of IMU, coopt, as members of ICMI, suitable chosen representatives of non-IMU countries, on an individual basis.
- 7. The budget of the Commission shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of IMU and the General Assembly, for approval, at such times as may be determined by agreement between the Commission and the Executive Committee of IMU.
- 8. The Commission shall file an annual report of its activities with the Executive Committee of IMU, and shall file a quadrennial report at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.

Commission on Development and Exchange

Terms of Reference

1986

- 1. The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and ten other members including the outgoing Chairman of CDE, the President and Secretary of IMU and the representative of IMU at COSTED (ICSU). The last four are members exofficio of the CDE.
 - The rules for the election of the Commission are similar to those of the IMU E.C. and of the ICMI E.C., with the same Nominating Committee. The E.C. shall request proposals for the membership of CDE from the Committees for Mathematics and will conduct extensive consultations with the existing CDE before proposing slates to the Nominating Committee.
- 2. The Commission shall elect, from among its members, a Secretary who shall act also as its Treasurer, unless the Commission appoints another member for that purpose.
 - The Chairman, the Secretary (if any) and the Treasurer (if any) shall be designated as Officers of the Commission. The Commission may, in exceptional

- circumstances, elect the Chairman as Secretary or Treasurer, as the case may be, provided that the Commission has at least two different (elected) officers. The Commission shall make its own financial arrangements, subject to By-law 10 of the IMU.
- 3. Acting in accordance with the Statutes and By-laws of the Union, and the administrative policies of the Union, as determined by the Executive Committee, the Commission shall
 - (a) support and encourage the growth of Mathematics in developing countries and cooperate with appropriate bodies to that end;
 - (b) support the exchange of visits with member countries of the Union in which, for one reason or another (e.g. non-convertible currencies), such exchanges are not easy to arrange;
 - (c) advise and assist existing agencies working towards the same objective with due regard to the non-governmental and non-political nature of IMU and to its administrative policies, and without duplicating or prejudicing the work of other Commissions and Committees of IMU at points of common interest.
- 4. The Commission may accept gifts, legacies and subventions, subject to the Statutes of IMU, Section 16. The Commission shall make its own arrangements for the utilization of such funds for the activities mentioned in (3).
- 5. The Commission shall report annually to the Executive Committee on its activities and provide a financial statement.
- 6. The Commission shall file a quadrennial report at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.

The Commission shall come into existence on January 1, 1979, and the "Commission on Exchange" shall be dissolved from that date.

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Conferences supported by IMU

1989:

International Conference on Ring Theory in Honour of Professor S. Amitsur, Israel, January 2–5, 1989. (December 26, 1988 – January 1, 1989 a workshop.)

IMU representatives: J. Coates and N. Jacobson. IMU contribution: 5000 Swiss francs.

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Conference Honoring Professor Richard S. Varga, Kent, Ohio, USA, March 1989. IMU representative: C. de Boor.

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A Special Event in Honor of Professor K. Chandrasekharan, Paris, France, April 20, 1989.

A Workshop on Automorphic Forms and Number Theory, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel, May 14–19, 1989.

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Geometry of Banach Spaces, Linz, Austria, June, 1989.

IMU representative: J. Lindenstrauss. IMU contribution: 3000 Swiss francs.

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International Colloquium on Complex Analysis, Bucharest, Romania, June 5–8, 1989.

IMU representative: O. Lehto. IMU contribution: 7000 Swiss francs.

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IMU contribution: 1500 Swiss francs.

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EQUADIFF 7, Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 21-25, 1989.

IMU representative: L. Hörmander. IMU contribution: 7000 Swiss francs.

Contact person: Professor Jaroslav Kurzweil, Chairman, EQUADIFF 7, Institute of Mathematics, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Zitna ul. 25, 115 67 Praha 1, Czechoslovakia

International Conference on Algebra, Novosibirsk, August 21–26, 1989, commemorating the 80th birthday of A.I. Maltsev.

IMU representative: L.D. Faddeev. IMU contribution: 5000 Swiss francs.

Contact person: Academician M.M. Lavrentjev, Director of the Institute of Mathematics, Novosibirsk, 630090, U.S.S.R.

Third International Conference on the Theory of Groups and Related Topics, Canberra, Australia, September 25–29, 1989.

IMU representative: W. Feit. IMU contribution: 7000 Swiss francs.

Contact person: Professor G.E. Wall, The University of Sydney, Department of Pure Mathematics FO7, NSW 2006, Australia. fax: (02) 692 4203

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Asian Mathematical Conference, Hong Kong, August 14–18, 1990, will be endorsed by IMU.

Contact person: Dr. K.P. Shum, President, Hong Kong Mathematical Society, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong.

International Congress of Mathematicians 1990

The next International Congress of Mathematicians will be held in Kyoto, Japan, at the Kyoto International Conference Hall from August 21 to August 29, 1990. The First Announcement has been sent out in July 1989. For further information please write to: ICM-90 Secretariat; Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences; Kyoto University; Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku; Kyoto 606; Japan.

Travel Grants for Young Mathematicians

The International Mathematical Union will award travel grants to young mathematicians to help them to attend the ICM-90, Kyoto, Japan, August 21–29, 1990. The grants are intended primarily for young mathematicians from developing countries (not necessarily members of IMU), but applications from countries with strict monetary regulations will also be considered.

The age-limit for the grantees is 35 years. The candidates should present evidence of research work on post-doctoral level (such as publications in journals or preprints), and they should be able to benefit from the interaction with mathematicians from other countries attending the Congress.

In addition to the name and address of the candidate, the applications should contain a brief curriculum vitae plus a list of publications and preprints.

The International Congress of Mathematicians will provide a special allowance to the grantees to cover their registration, board and lodging.

Applications for the travel grant may be sent directly to the Secretary of the Union. Applications may also be submitted through the Committees for Mathematics, which in such a case will send all the relevant information about the candidates to the Secretary.

All applications should reach the Secretary by January 1, 1990.

Instructions for Seeking Support for Conferences

- 1. The International Mathematical Union sponsors, or co-sponsors, "colloquia"; it does not sponsor or co-sponsor "institutes". A colloquium is understood to mean a closed meeting (closed in a weak sense) of experts, together with a limited number of other invited participants, convened to discuss the results of recent research. (Expository lectures are not meant to be included.) A colloquium is intended to last about a week.
- 2. Any colloquium sponsored or co-sponsored by the Union is to be designated "an international colloquium".
- 3. The co-sponsorship of the Union usually (though not always) implies a financial contribution by the Union of a few thousand Swiss francs. It is understood

- that such a contribution will be matched by at least an equal contribution from the organizers themselves.
- 4. The Union's contribution is to be utilized for meeting the travel expenses of the invitees. The living expenses are to be met from other sources.
- 5. If the Union co-sponsors a colloquium, it has the right to nominate two members to the Organizing Committee of the Colloquium. It does not make any stipulation regarding the rest of the membership of the Organizing Committee. The Union's nominees should have a share in the preparation of the scientific program and in the selection of speakers. It is customary that one of the nominees of the Union is a member of the Executive Committee of the Union, while the other is usually a mathematician of eminence conversant with the needs of the Colloquium.
- 6. Immediately after the Colloquium is over, a financial statement giving the full budget of the Colloquium (showing the income from all sources, and the expenditure on all accounts) and a report on the scientific activities are to be sent by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee to the Secretary of the Union.
- 7. The Union's deadline for receiving applications for colloquia is March 1 of the year preceding the Colloquium. Even if the full picture of the Colloquium is not clear by that date, an application giving the topic, the names of the officers of the Organizing Committee, if possible the names of the invited speakers, the probable size of the Colloquium, and the probable size of the budget, together with the place where the Colloquium will be held, should be sent in.
- 8. The ICSU resolution on the free circulation of scientists should be observed. Before the Symposia or meetings are arranged, an assurance in writing should be obtained from the organizers in the country concerned that visas will be granted to bona fide scientists if proper applications are made.

Special Development Fund

The Special Development Fund aids IMU to fulfill the important obligation of helping developing countries within the framework of mathematical research. The means of the Fund, which go unreduced to mathematicians from developing countries, are used primarily for travel grants to young mathematicians, to make it possible for them to participate in International Congresses of Mathematicians. The Executive Committee of IMU elects an international committee to distribute the grants.

Means to the Special Development Fund come from donations. Donations can be sent, at any time and in any convertible currency, to the following accounts:

Account no. 0862-656208-21

Schweizerische Kreditanstalt
Stadtfiliale Zürich-Rigiplatz
Universitätstraße 105
CH-8033 Zürich
Switzerland
Account no. 100020-411-CHF-5706 FR
Kansallis-Osake-Pankki
Aleksanterinkatu 42
SF-00100 Helsinki
Finland.

The goal right now is to collect money for travel grants for the 1990 International Congress of Mathematicians in Kyoto.

The following contributions have been received in the years 1983-1987:

1983:	Swiss francs
Wiskundig Genootschap, The Netherlands	2403
London Mathematical Society, United Kingdom	1595
1985:	
London Mathematical Society, United Kingdom	3050
Danish Mathematical Society, Denmark	421
1986:	
Wiskundig Genootschap, The Netherlands	1878
Australian Mathematical Society, Australia	973
Swedish Mathematical Society, Sweden	76
Finnish Mathematical Society, Finland	323
1987:	
Norwegian Mathematical Society, Norway	1079
London Mathematical Society, United Kingdom	2245
1988:	
American Mathematical Society, USA	6917
Instit. Mat. Pura e Apl., Brazil	7500
Royal Society, United Kingdom	11476
1989:	
American Mathematical Society, USA	17265
London Mathematical Society, United Kingdom	2750
Wiskundig Genootschap, The Netherlands	1700
Anonymous	201

On behalf of IMU, the Executive Committee of IMU expresses its deep gratitude for these donations.

IMU Fellowship Fund

The IMU Fellowship Fund is intended to provide help to advanced level graduate students, especially to those coming from less well-off countries, to take benefit from a long-period stay abroad at a well-known university or institute. The fellowship grants are intended mainly for travel expenses with the understanding that the host institution will cover the local expenses of the student. Suggestions for possible candidates from the Committees for Mathematics should reach the Secretary before March 1, 1990.

IMU Lectures

In 1971, the Executive Committee of IMU decided to invite, from time to time, a distinguished and active mathematician, of international standing, to give a set of four to six lectures, on important new developments in mathematics to which the lecturer, directly or indirectly, has made a contribution, and which deserve to be 'surveyed' at some length, for the benefit of younger mathematicians as well as others.

The lectures should be given at mathematical centers and they will be published in the L'Enseignement Mathématique.

Suggestions for IMU lecturers should reach the Secretary by March 1, 1990.

World Directory of Mathematicians

The editor of the 9th World Directory of Mathematicians, Professor Walter Feit, has asked the Committees for Mathematics to send their lists of mathematicians to be included in the Directory to the American Mathematical Society, P.O. Box 6248, Providence, RI 02940, U.S.A. by October 15, 1989.

IMU-UNESCO Visiting Mathematicians Program

Thanks to special UNESCO support, CDE will provide for the biannum 1988–1989 a limited number of grants aiming in particular to partially cover travel expenses of mathematicians wishing to visit academic institutions abroad.

They may either come from developing countries to spend a research period in well qualified mathematical centers, or come from developed countries, to spend reasonably long teaching/research periods in universities or research centers in developing countries.

Applications containing a curriculum vitae and detailed information on the applicant's scientific achievements and interests as well as a description of the program related to the request should be sent to the Secretariat of CDE; c/o Professor Jean Pierre Bourguignon; Centre de Mathématiques; Ecole Polytechnique; F-91128 Palaiseau Cedex; France.

CDE Regional Libraries

CDE aims at creating regional libraries in developing countries. CDE has had some contacts with commercial editors to get discounted prices for books and journals for developing countries. It is also possible to donate individual collections of books to developing countries through CDE. Efforts should be made to induce publishers to save copies of books prior to distructing them and send them to developing countries through CDE. The Commission will work in close cooperation with the Third World Academy of Sciences.

World Directory of Mathematicians, VIIIth Edition

The 8th edition of the World Directory of Mathematicians, 976 pages, contains the names and addresses of approximately 40 000 individual mathematicians from 83 countries.

The price of the Directory is \$ 30, plus shipping and handling, and no discounts are allowed. Shipping and handling charges are: for surface delivery—\$ 2 for the first copy, \$ 1 for each additional copy; for air delivery—\$ 5 for the first copy, \$ 3 for each additional copy. Orders should be sent to:

American Mathematical Society Sales Department P.O. Box 6248 Providence, RI 02940 U.S.A.

All orders must be prepaid; proforma invoices will be sent for any unpaid orders that are received. Orders from Europe, the Middle East, and Africa should be addressed to:

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