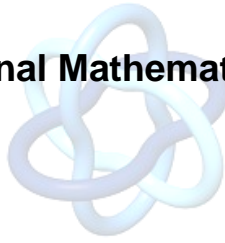


International Mathematical Union



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IMU AO Circular Letter 3/2009

To: IMU Adhering Organizations

From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

- **Visa problems**
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Dear colleagues,

- Visa problems

At the General Assembly 2006 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, the International Mathematical Union (IMU) adopted the following resolution:

“The General Assembly of the IMU continues to endorse the principle of universality expressed in the International Council for Science (ICSU) ARTICLE 5 of the STATUTES, as adopted by the 1998 General Assembly, and endorses the additional ICSU Statement on the Universality of Science (2004) (see

http://www.icsu.org/Gestion/img/ICSU_DOC_DOWNLOAD/567_DD_FILE_Universality.pdf).

Notwithstanding heightened tensions, security concerns, etc., the General Assembly urges free exchange of scientific ideas and free circulation of scientists and mathematicians across international borders. The IMU opposes efforts by governments to restrict contacts, interactions, access and travel in the world mathematical community, particularly when such restrictions penalize individual mathematicians for the actions of governments.” see Resolution 10 at

<http://www.mathunion.org/Organization/GA/Resolutions/RESOL2006.pdf>.

ICSU has received a number of reports that some governments make it difficult, e.g., due to security clearance issues, for scientists to obtain visas in time to allow them to attend meetings. The attached letter from ICSU's Deputy Executive Director Carthage Smith is meant to alert scientists about this situation.

IMU asks all its Adhering Organization and all mathematical societies to inform its members of this issue and contact their governments in order improve this frustrating situation.

– ICM 2010 posters

The organizers of the ICM 2010 have produced three posters to advertise the next International Congress of Mathematicians which will be held in Hyderabad, India on 19-27 August 2010. All mathematical institutions in the world are asked to download, print and post them. To download the posters please go to:

<http://www.mathunion.org/activities/icm/icm-2010/poster/>, or

<http://www.icm2010.in/posters.php>.

Information about the ICM 2010 can be found on the ICM 2010 server:

<http://www.icm2010.org.in/>.

Sincerely

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Letter from ICSU's Deputy Executive Director Carthage Smith