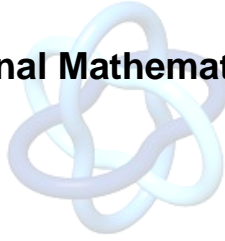


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To: IMU Adhering Organizations
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From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

Proposal for the future structure of an IMU commission, to be called Commission for Developing Countries (CDC)

Dear colleagues,

The 15th General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union held in Santiago de Compostela in August 2006 charged the IMU Executive Committee with the task to restructure its activities for developing and economically disadvantaged countries and to merge the current Commission on Development and Exchanges (CDE) and the Developing Countries Strategy Group (DCSG) into a new commission to be called Commission for Developing Countries (briefly: future CDC), to define the structure of this commission, and to propose its Terms of Reference.

The IMU Executive Committee charged a small committee (called Committee for Developing Countries and abbreviated by "current CDC"), consisting of Jill Adler (South Africa), Charles Herbert Clemens (USA), Paulo Cordaro (Brazil), Shrikrishna G. Dani (India), Gerard Gonzalez-Sprinberg (France), Michel Jambu (France), Sheung Tsun Tsou (United Kingdom), Jiping Zhang (PR China), and headed by Marcelo Viana (Brazil), with the task to propose the future CDC structure and the Terms of Reference to the IMU EC.

At its 78th meeting in April 2009 the IMU Executive Committee discussed this proposal in detail and worked out (in cooperation with the current CDC) the proposal that you will find in the attachment.

The members of the future CDC have to be elected at the next General Assembly which is going to meet in August 2010 in Bangalore, India. To present candidates for the various CDC positions, the IMU Nominating Committee needs to know the future CDC structure in detail. That is the reason why the IMU EC is asking the IMU members at this moment in time for a vote on the future structure of CDC.

If the suggestion is approved the IMU Nominating Committee can start searching for potential CDC members to be proposed to the General Assembly in Bangalore.

Please observe that the ballot for vote on the Terms of Reference and future structure of the Commission for Developing Countries will only be forwarded by ordinary mail to the addresses of the Adhering Organizations. Once you have received the ballot form and cast your vote you can return the ballot by fax,

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Please also note that the deadline for this voting process is **July 17, 2009**.

Sincerely

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