

# IMU AO CL 5/2011: Call for Bids for ICM 2018

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To: IMU Adhering Organizations

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This letter is about the International Congress of Mathematicians to be held in the year 2018 (ICM 2018).

One of the objectives of the International Mathematical Union defined in its Statutes is

"... To support and assist the International Congress of Mathematicians ...",

and in line with this, the IMU Guidelines for the Program Committee (PC) and the Organizing Committee (OC) of an ICM determine the General Purpose of ICMs as follows:

"International Congresses of Mathematicians are the most important IMU activity and need correspondingly careful preparation. Every ICM should reflect the current activity of mathematics in the world, present the best work being carried out in all mathematical subfields and different regions of the world, and thus, point to the future of mathematics. The invited speakers at an ICM should be mathematicians of the highest quality who are able to present current research to a broad mathematical audience."

The IMU Executive Committee (EC) cordially invites all Adhering Organizations and national mathematical societies in IMU member countries to submit bids for hosting the International Congress of Mathematicians in the year 2018 and the IMU General Assembly prior to this Congress.

Submissions are requested as electronic files to be e-mailed to

[secretary at mathunion.org](mailto:secretary@mathunion.org)

and as printouts to be mailed to

International Mathematical Union  
Secretariat  
Markgrafenstr. 32  
D-10117 Berlin  
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To be considered by the Site Selection Committee (SSC) bids must be received not later than

November 30, 2012.

The Site Selection Committee will evaluate all bids received taking into account, but not restricted to, the mathematical ambience, the infrastructure and the economic conditions offered by each bidder, as well as the accessibility of the proposed site, the involvement of the local mathematical community, and the geographical distribution of places where ICMs took place in the past.

The IMU EC will prepare a recommendation based on the SSC's advice and refer this recommendation to the 17th IMU General Assembly (GA).

The 17th IMU General Assembly to take place on August 11-12, 2014 in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, will finally decide on the location of ICM 2018. (The GA is free to consider bids placed after November 30, 2012, but the IMU EC considers most advisable that the Adhering Organizations comply with the above procedure.)

Attached hereto are guidelines for bids for ICM 2018 set up by the IMU EC providing advice and instructions to potential bidders.

All countries interested in making a bid for ICM 2018 are strongly encouraged to do so.

With best wishes

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