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To: IMU Adhering Organizations and all registered participants (delegates and observers) of the meeting of the IMU General Assembly in Gyeongju, Korea

From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

- Elections at the ICSU General Assembly
- ICSU report on open access

Dear colleagues,

At their presentations at the IMU General Assembly in Gyeongju, John Ball and Manuel de León reported on the work of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the involvement of IMU in ICSU activities.

ICSU's 31st General Assembly (in Auckland, New Zealand) ended today. IMU was represented at this GA by its Vice President Christiane Rousseau and its EC members Manuel de León and Cheryl Praeger. Several of the decisions made at the ICSU GA are of importance for mathematics.

1. Professor Daya Reddy from South Africa, who was an invited speaker at ICM 2014, became the new President-elect of the International Council for Science. Reddy will take over from the current ICSU President, Gordon McBean, in October 2017, see the press release

<http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/south-african-mathematician-elected-as-next-president-of-the-international-council-for-science>

for details (including further election results).
Congratulations to Daya on the election!

2. Former IMU President John Ball and current IMU EC member Manuel de León were elected Ordinary Members of the ICSU Executive Board (John is going to serve his second term on the Board). Congratulations as well! Thus, mathematics will play an increasingly important role within ICSU.

3. At the IMU GA, John Ball reported about the ICSU document "Open access to scientific data and literature and the assessment of research by metrics" to be discussed at the ICSU GA. On September 2, 2014 this report was endorsed by the ICSU General Assembly, see various related Web sites and the press release:

<http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/international-council-for-science-endorses-open-access-to-scientific-record-cautions-against-misuse-of-metrics>;

<http://www.icsu.org/general-assembly/news/press-release-2013-international-council-for-science-endorses-open-access-to-scientific-record-cautions-against-misuse-of-metrics>;

<http://www.icsu.org/general-assembly/news/ICSU%20Report%20on%20Open%20Access.pdf>.

Please distribute this information.

4. Correction:

In my e-mail "IMU AO CL 10/2014: 2014 GA results & Iran upgrade" of August 27, 2014 I reported under topic 3. that "All resolutions were endorsed by the GA." This is incorrect. Upon the proposal of the resolutions committee, the GA did not vote on the last resolution (no 14). So this resolution was not endorsed. The corrected summary of the resolutions can be found at:

<http://www.mathunion.org/fileadmin/IMU/Organization/GA/Resolutions/RESOL2014.pdf>.

Best regards

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