

International Mathematical Union



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To: The Adhering Organizations of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary General

IMU General Assembly Agenda

Dear colleagues,

This letter provides information about the meeting of the IMU General Assembly (GA) on 3–4 July 2022 in Helsinki, Finland. It covers the following topics:

1. GA Agenda
2. Papers for the GA meeting
3. Slates for the IMU offices
4. Nominated IMU President and Secretary General
5. GA registration, etc.

We strongly encourage all Delegates to attend the GA in person. We have all experienced that participating remotely in events cannot fully replace in-person participation and so hope that Delegates will travel to the GA in Helsinki if at all possible. However, we will also provide the possibility of remote participation for those unable to travel to the GA.

1. GA Agenda

According to Article 39 of the By-Laws of the IMU [Statutes](#), the agenda for the meeting of the GA has to be dispatched to the Adhering Organizations (AOs) at least three months before the meeting.

The AOs were asked in Circular Letter [2/2022](#) to propose by 2 March items for the agenda. No proposals were received. The attached GA agenda was decided by the Executive Committee (EC) at its meeting in February 2022. The EC proposes two changes in the IMU Statutes. These changes are attached.

Article 39 of the By-Laws says that “a question which has not been put on the agenda may be discussed, but shall not be put to the vote unless a proposal to that effect be approved by the majority of the total number of votes assigned to the members.” Thus, any further issue that an AO wants to put to a vote, needs special treatment at the GA meeting.

We will have a very tight schedule, so there is not much room for “ad-hoc topics” proposed at the GA meeting itself. Please keep this in mind.

The GA will decide on the host for the ICM in 2026, see item 8 of the agenda. The IMU will give countries interested in organizing the ICM in 2030 the possibility to pre-announce at this GA their plans to bid, see item 17.1 of the agenda. Therefore, we ask countries that are contemplating making a bid, to send an email to the IMU Secretary General by 1 May. A

country will still be able to make a formal bid when the official call is announced without having pre-announced it at this GA.

2. Papers for the GA meeting

The IMU Secretariat in Berlin will prepare all the papers for the GA meeting for easy download from a password protected website. Further information will follow in due time. No printed material will be distributed to the Delegates at the meeting in Helsinki.

3. Slates for IMU offices

Slates for all IMU offices are currently being prepared by the Nominating Committee chaired by Wendelin Werner. The slates will be distributed, according to our [Procedures for Election](#), by 1 May.

4. Nominated IMU President and Secretary General

As communicated in Circular Letter [15/2021](#), the Nominating Committee has nominated IMU President 2023–2026: Hiraku Nakajima (Japan),
IMU Secretary General 2023–2026: Christoph Sorger (France).

5. GA registration, etc.

All IMU Adhering Organizations are strongly encouraged to nominate their Delegates at their earliest convenience. Delegates must be nominated by 1 May and subsequently approved by the IMU Secretary General. Once approved, Delegates will need to complete the registration form by 22 May.

The IMU CL [10/2022](#) provides full information about the time and location, registration, etc.

I look forward to seeing you in Helsinki!

Regards

Helge Holden
Secretary General of the International Mathematical Union