

International Mathematical Union



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

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary General

Call for themes for the International Day of Mathematics 2023

Dear colleagues,

The third International Day of Mathematics (IDM 2022) aroused worldwide enthusiasm with more than 9,600 celebrations announced in at least 90 countries. The Mathematics Unites Photo Challenge also attracted 3,200 entries, with several hundreds displayed in online galleries. The 48h live coverage of the IDM attracted more than 32,000 unique users on March 14, 2022. A [Global Virtual Live Celebration](#) on the theme *Mathematics Unites* took place on March 14 with sessions in Arabic, Portuguese, English, French and Spanish attracting 898, 2,374, 5,434, 454, and 708 views respectively.

It is now time to decide the theme of IDM 2023. A call for proposals for the theme of IDM 2023 is now open with a deadline of

31 May 2022.

Suggestions for a theme, together with a short justification, can be sent by email to ids@mathunion.org.

Let me remind you that the IDM 2020, 2021, and 2022 themes were *Mathematics is Everywhere*, *Mathematics for a Better World*, and *Mathematics Unites*. As added context, we also wish to inform you that IMU is one of the founding partners of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development 2022 ([IYBSSD 2022](#)), which was proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2021. The launch of IYBSSD 2022 will take place on 8 July 2022. Hence a theme related to IYBSSD 2022 would be welcome.

Regards

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