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# ICMI Column

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## Call for Intention to Bid to Organise and Host ICME-15 in 2024

The ICMI is hereby inviting its state representatives, national/regional organisations and academic institutions to consider organising and hosting the International Congress on Mathematical Education in July/August 2024.

At present, the ICMI is inviting a *declaration of intent*, which should be received by 1 December 2017. *The full bid document* should be submitted by 1 November 2018.

When considering and preparing the submission of a declaration of intent to organise and host this conference, the ICMI advises potential candidates to consider the following (which will be required as part of a full bid document due by 1 November 2018):

- Provide a statement explaining why the ICME should take place in the proposed state. Please point out particular highlights but also address honestly any potential weaknesses or difficulties.
- State that the bid is presented in agreement with the ICMI Country Representative.
- Provide a list of national and regional organisations (professional associations, universities, governmental/non-governmental organisations and others) and prominent mathematicians and/or mathematics educators who support the idea of organising and hosting the conference and who will contribute to the organisational efforts.
- Nominate the convenor of the conference and the head of the Local Organising Committee, prepare a brief CV for each of these two persons and provide a personal letter of intent signed by them. Bear in mind that whereas all the members of the Local Organising Committee are appointed by the organisers, the members of the International Programme Committee (the IPC - in charge of the scientific components of the conference) are appointed by the ICMI.
- Provide a statement confirming that participants from all over the world (regardless of their nationality) will

be allowed freedom of entrance to the hosting state (except for the possible need for a visa).

- Provide a concise description of the venue (and its facilities) available to host the academic activities of the conference (with an expected attendance of 2500-3000 participants).
- Provide a description of the amount/type of accommodation that can be offered, including an adequate amount of inexpensive lodging. Provide some information about distances to the venue and availability of convenient transportation.
- Provide an estimate of the budget and list possible sources of funding (including intentions to approach commercial, governmental or philanthropic entities). Bear in mind that the registration fees to be collected from the participants should be within the range of the fees charged for previous ICMEs. Please take into account: personnel costs, publication costs (proceedings, website, programme and photocopies), rental of the venue, equipment, social events (reception, farewell, happy hour, excursion and coffee breaks), invited participants (travel and accommodation of plenary speakers), costs of the organisation of two IPC meetings (travel and accommodation for 15-20 members for two one-week periods), insurance and miscellaneous expenses.
- Provide an estimated timeline for the publication of the proceedings.

The ICMI recognises that not all states have similar conditions to mount a potentially successful bid. Nevertheless, the ICMI acknowledges that every bid will have its own advantages and highlights as well as its own weaknesses and difficulties. Therefore all states are encouraged to consider bidding according to the guidelines. The Executive Committee of the ICMI will judiciously weigh the weak and strong points of all bids, taking into special consideration proposals from regions in which ICMEs have not been held in the past and for which the conference will considerably boost mathematics education.

The ICMI warmly recommends potential bidders to approach previous conference convenors in order to gain first-hand information about the character and scope of the task.

All members of the Executive Committee of the ICMI, and certainly the President and the Secretary General, will be open for consultation toward the preparation of the proposal.

Please provide your letter of intent (acknowledging each of the above points) by 1 December 2017. Address the letter and/or any related questions to:

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### **First annual meeting of the new ICMI Executive Committee**

The first annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the ICMI was held at the University of Geneva on 8–10 June 2017, hosted by member at large Jean-Luc Dorier.

The Executive Committee discussed all the issues concerning ICMI-related activities, made some decisions



**From left to right: Lena Koch, Zahra Gooya, Binyan Xu, Yuriko Yamamoto Baldin, Merrilyn Goos, Jean-Luc Dorier, Shigefumi Mori, Abraham Arcavi, Jill Adler, Helge Holden, Luis Radford and Anita Rampal. Ferdinando Arzarello was unable to attend in person but participated in parts of the meeting via Skype.**

about the future of ongoing activities and planned to launch some new ones, which will be announced in future issues of the ICMI Newsletter.