

## IMS President's Report 2014

My second year as President of the Society started in January 2014. It was generally quieter than expected, however the organisation of the Society's Annual Meeting in Belfast (5 and 6 September 2014) took up a large part of my time. In the days before our meeting, an international workshop on operator theory was held (organised by me as well) which attracted more international participants to our meeting than usual. While the international workshop received a large grant from the LMS and some support from the School of Mathematics and Physics at Queen's University, the IMS meeting was solely funded by the Society.

Once again I represented the Society at the *Annual Meeting of the Presidents of the National Member Societies of the EMS* which was held in Istanbul on 12 April 2014. Details of the programme can be found at

<http://bricksite.com/emspresidents2014/velkommen>

together with a report by the EMS secretary Stephen Huggett as well as slides of the presentations.

It has not been decided where the next meeting of the presidents will be held in April 2015. In 2016, the IMS will celebrate its 40th anniversary and one might consider whether we should use this opportunity to invite the Presidents' Meeting over to Ireland. This would have to be proposed to the EMS firmly at the meeting in 2015.

The EMS Council Meeting was held in San Sebastian on 28–29 June 2014; however I could not attend this, partly for family reasons but also as the Society can probably only fund attendance at one such meeting per year.

The Fergus Gaines Cup 2014 was presented to Luke Gardiner at the Society's Annual Meeting.

Following an invitation by the EMS Newsletter's editor, I wrote a short piece on the history of the IMS and its current activities which is published in this year's December issue, pp. 50-51 under the title "*A brief history of the Irish Mathematical Society*".

**Conference Support.** The Society supported the following conferences in 2014:

- Women in Mathematics Day Ireland, NUIG, May 1, 2014
- Groups in Galway, NUIG, May 23–24, 2014

- Irish Geometry Conference, NUIG, May 9–10, 2014
- Irish Mathematical Society Workshop on Kähler Geometry and Geometric Analysis, UCC, May 12–13, 2014
- 2nd Irish Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory meeting, UCD, August 29, 2014.

Together with the IMS treasurer I worked on clearer guidelines for applicants to the Society's conference support fund.

**Future Meetings:** In 2015 we will meet in UCC on 27-28 August as part of the bicentenary celebrations of George Boole; in 2016 the annual meeting is likely to be held at TCD.

In concluding my term I would like to thank all members of the IMS for their support and their advice over the past two years and all the committee for several stimulating discussions.

Martin Mathieu, President  
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