

Draft minutes of the Irish Mathematical Society Annual General Meeting held on 1st September 2023 at University of Limerick

Present: J. Butler, T. Carroll, L. Creedon, J. Cruickshank, S. Dendrinis, A. Fatah, R. Flatley, R. Gaburro, E. Gath, J. Grannell, P. Greaney, R. Hill, N. Hoffmann, T. Huettemann, C. Kelly, D. Kitson, A. Krishnan, G. Lessells, D. Mackey, M. Mackey, M. Manolaki, M. Mathieu, P. Mellon, F. Murphy, C. O'Brien, P. Ó Catháin, S. O'Rourke, A. O'Shea, G. Pfeiffer, H. Šmigoc, N. Snigireva, K. Wendland, D. Wraith.

Apologies: C. Boyd, J.P. McCarthy, A. O'Farrell, M. O'Reilly, R. Quinlan, R. Ryan.

1 Agenda / Conflicts of interest

The agenda was accepted and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 2nd September 2022 at TU Dublin, Grangegorman were accepted.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 Correspondence

- The IMU Secretary General has sent notification that the 20th IMU General Assembly will be held in New York City, USA, on 20–21 July 2026 and ICM 2026 will take place over 23–30 July 2026 in Philadelphia, USA.
- The IMU Secretary General circulated a full membership application (Group I) from associate member Mongolia which was subsequently voted on and approved by the IMU membership.
- Prof. Antonella Perucca and Dr. Olha Nesterenko of the University of Luxembourg contacted the Society regarding a project to create a Visual Mathematics Dictionary. The project involves "Preparing free and open-source didactical material aimed at learning mathematical terms in a different language". Assistance was requested in preparing Gaeilge materials. L. Creedon had circulated the request on MathDep and a volunteer had come forward.

5 President's Report

L. Creedon highlighted developments during the year including the creation of ICEDIM, chaired by R. Gaburro, and presented a breakdown of the IMS membership with statistics on membership type, gender and geographic location. A full report will be submitted to the Bulletin. Following nomination by the Society, R. Neururer was elected to the EMS Young Academy (EMYA) and subsequently appointed as Chair of EMYA, and C. Kelly was elected to the EMS Committee for Developing Countries. M. O'Reilly has stepped down as Ireland's representative to the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) and was thanked for his service. A. O'Shea has been appointed as the new ICMI representative for Ireland. The Committee introduced a new meeting in May in addition to regular meetings in August and December and monthly meetings between the executive officers. M. Mackey and A. O'Farrell were thanked for their continued service in maintaining the IMS webpage and as Editor of the Bulletin respectively. M. Mathieu is in the final year of a six year term on the Committee and was thanked for his service to the Society having previously served terms as President and Vice President, and as Editor of the Bulletin for 11 years. Next year's Annual Meeting is to be hosted by M. Mathieu and colleagues at Queen's University Belfast.

6 New members

30 new membership applications were approved since the last AGM. The new members

are: Fintan Hegarty; Fergal Murphy; Katrin Wendland; David Quinn; Róisín Hill; Abdul Fatah; David Cormican; Stephen Coughlan; Negin Nazari; Kevin Burke; Mehakpreet Singh; Ashok Das; Michaela Ottaviani; David McMahon; Doireann O’Kiely; Clifford Nolan; Sean Kelly; Alan Hegarty; Oisín Flynn-Connolly; Spyridon Dendrinis; Arundhathi Krishnan; Kevin Moroney; Cian O’Brien; Carl Sullivan; Páraic Treacy; Hazel Murray; Patrick Emmet Farrell; Paul Greaney; Laura Cooke and Sowmiya Krishnaraj.

7 Treasurer’s Report

Accounts for 2022 were presented. For 2023, the figures for Subscriptions and Funding of Conferences are expected to increase. No shortfall is expected. A Donations button is now available on the IMS website.

8 Conference Support Fund

The following workshops were supported this year:

- Workshop on Key Lemmas in Analysis and Dynamics (UCD): January 2023
- SIAM UK and Ireland Sectional Meeting (TCD): April 2023
- Workshop on Nonlinear Waves (UCC): April 2023
- Groups in Galway (U Galway): May 2023
- 6th Conference on Irish History of Mathematics (Maynooth): August 2023
- 9th Conference on Research in Mathematics Education (DCU): October 2023.

Conference organisers were reminded to submit a report to the Bulletin. Members were reminded that Fáilte Ireland offer financial support for meetings with over 100 participants. The next call for the Conference Support Fund will be issued in November with a deadline in December.

9 Bulletin

C. Mulcahy has joined the editorial board with special responsibility for obituaries. Members are encouraged to notify C. Mulcahy or A. O’Farrell of deaths of IMS members. Hardcopies of the Bulletin can be purchased via a link on the IMS webpage. Organisers of meetings supported by the Society are encouraged to include abstracts when submitting reports to the Bulletin. Members are encouraged to submit research or expository articles to the Bulletin.

10 Membership fees

C. Kelly outlined proposed increases to memberships fees and the rationale for the increases. The proposed increases are: €30 -> €40 for individual membership, €15 -> €20 for student membership and members over the age of 65 with 5 years membership, €300 -> €400 for lifetime membership, €200 -> €250 for institutional membership. Following discussion the proposed increases were voted on and approved unanimously.

11 Report from Irish Committee for Mathematics Education (ICME)

A. O’Shea outlined ICME activities during the year. A full report will be published on the IMS website. The ICME has continued its work on textbook quality at post-primary level. Resources for the new applied maths syllabus are under development and an on-line Maths Education seminar series is set to continue. Activities of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) were highlighted, including upcoming conferences, publications and the Klein Project mathematical resources. The 2024 International Congress on Mathematical Education will take place in Sydney. M. Kerin has stepped down from the ICME and was thanked for his service.

12 Report from Irish Committee for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Mathematics (ICEDIM)

R. Gaburro reported on ICEDIM activities during the year. An application involving four institutions has been made to the HEA gender equality enhancement fund to support new initiatives in Mathematics. Further funding applications are planned.

Potential future activities include a summer school, a Women in Maths day and an on-line seminar series. New members of ICEDIM are being sought and interested Society members are encouraged to contact L. Creedon.

13 Elections

The current terms of the following committee members come to an end this year: Ronan Flatley; Cónall Kelly; Derek Kitson; Martin Mathieu; Ray Ryan; Helena Šmigoc; Nina Snigireva. M. Mathieu has reached the end of a six year term as committee member, and is consequently not eligible for re-election as committee member. The remaining committee members are eligible for re-election. R. Ryan is stepping down from the committee and was thanked for his service.

The following nominations had been received and election to these positions was approved by the meeting:

Candidate	Role	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chris Boyd	Member	Ray Ryan	Nina Snigireva
Ronan Flatley	Member	Leo Creedon	Cónall Kelly
Cónall Kelly	Treasurer	Leo Creedon	Martin Mathieu
Derek Kitson	Secretary	Leo Creedon	Cónall Kelly
Thomas Huettemann	Member	Martin Mathieu	Romina Gaburro
Helena Šmigoc	Member	Leo Creedon	Cónall Kelly
Nina Snigireva	Member	Leo Creedon	Cónall Kelly

14 AOB

None.

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