

La Présidente

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Institut Henri Poincaré
A l'attention de Monsieur Cédric Villani
11, rue Pierre et Marie Curie
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Dear Executive Committee members of the International Mathematical Union (IMU),

I am very pleased to fully support the French mathematical community application to organize the 2022 edition of the International Congress of Mathematicians - ICM in Paris. ICM 2022 would be a most considerable event for the French and European scientific communities. It will have a strong impact on research and education.

The Paris area within the Région Ile-de-France enjoy an exceptional concentration of scientists and students coming from all over the world. In particular, Mathematics plays a very important role in the scientific activities in the many prestigious graduate schools of the Paris area (Ecole normale supérieure, Ecole polytechnique, etc.), universities (Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris Diderot, Orsay), institutions (Institut Henri Poincaré, IHES, etc.) and academic research laboratories (CNRS, Inria, Inra, etc.).

In addition, the Région Ile-de-France counts many research laboratories which are international leaders in their domains: e.g. Cédric Villani (Fields medalist in 2010) and Arturo Avila (Fields medalist in 2014) work in research laboratories located in Ile-de-France. Many institutions and foundations playing a key national and international role in Mathematics are also located here, Institut Henri Poincaré, Fondation des Mathématiques de Paris, Fondation de Mathématiques Jacques Hadamard, Labex Bezout, the laboratories of Ecole Polytechnique, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Université de Cergy Pontoise, Université Paris-Sud, etc.

Due to the high quality of the mathematicians in Ile-de-France, the regional council, following the recommendation of the regional scientific council, was giving a significant financial support to the Network of Mathematics in Ile-de-France from 2011.

Paris and the Région Ile-de-France offer an incredible number of opportunities and activities. In particular, it has an intensive cultural life. We will be quite happy to arrange important cultural events during the ICM.

The Région Ile-de-France has a strong experience in hosting international events. It will strive to provide all the convention, transport, and accommodation facilities.

Paris, the Région Ile-de-France and more generally the whole French nation, will make every effort to welcome mathematicians from all over the world. We will make sure that their stays are both comfortable and affordable.

I can assure that the Région Ile-de-France will help the Committee by any means to facilitate the ICM 2022 and I am certain that ICM 2022 in Paris, France, will be a most successful event.

I look forward to welcoming all the IMU members and participants of the ICM 2022 in our Région.

Sincerely yours,

Best regards



Valérie PECRESSE