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# For Your Information

## Committee on Women and Mathematics of the IMU

The Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union (IMU) has established the Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM) with the following purposes: to promote international contacts between national and regional organizations for women in mathematical sciences; to maintain up-to-date content on the CWM section of the IMU website and, with appropriate assistance from the IMU, to ensure its technical development; to consider how best to facilitate electronic communications among the community of women mathematicians internationally; to work with groups, committees, and commissions of IMU on topics pertaining to women mathematicians and their representation; to publicize and, where needed, to suggest working practices that ensure equal opportunities for women mathematicians in universities and research institutions (for example, appropriate funding arrangements and family-friendly policies and facilities); to report annually to the IMU Executive Committee and to propose actions that would lead to an improvement in the position of women in the mathematical community, and to increase the representation of women in mathematics at all levels.

The CWM features a chair, a vice chair, and six to eight members at large, with one member having specific responsibility for the CWM website and electronic communication. Membership is for a four-year term coinciding with the terms of the IMU Executive Committee and will be widely distributed internationally. The CWM will meet at least once a year, preferably by video conferencing. A member of the IMU Executive Committee will liaise with the CWM and attend meetings while remaining outside the committee.

CWM will have a budget from IMU that can be used to support meetings of the committee (electronic or in person) and contacts between regional organizations for women in mathematics and committee members and for expenses such as those needed to establish and maintain

international or regional websites and support regional meetings. The funds granted from the IMU budget will be administered by the IMU office.

Management of funds specifically donated from other bodies or persons to support the purposes of CWM may be done through the Friends of IMU.

Following are the members of CWM for the years 2014–2018: chair, Marie-Françoise Roy (France); vice chair and responsibility for the website: Caroline Series (United Kingdom); members at large: Carolina Araujo (Brazil), Bill Barton (New Zealand), Ari Laptev (Sweden and United Kingdom), Kristin Lauter (United States), Sunsook Noh (South Korea), Marie Françoise Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), Sujatha Ramdorai (India), and Betül Tanbay (Turkey). John Toland (United Kingdom) will serve as the IMU Executive Committee observer.

This committee should expect to serve until the next IMU General Assembly, which is to be held in Brazil in 2018. The first meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in Cortona, Italy, September 4–5, 2015, immediately after the seventeenth General Meeting of European Women in Mathematics. The website for the CWM is [www.mathunion.org/cwm](http://www.mathunion.org/cwm); that for the General Meeting is [www.europeanwomeninmaths.org/activities/conference/17th-ewm-general-meeting-cortona-2015](http://www.europeanwomeninmaths.org/activities/conference/17th-ewm-general-meeting-cortona-2015).

—*John Toland, IMU Executive Committee*