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Mathematical Congress of the Americas 2017

The second Mathematical Congress of the Americas (MCA 2017) will take place on **July 24–28, 2017**, at McGill University, Montréal, Canada. The program of MCA 2017 will include plenary speakers, invited speakers, special sessions, and presentation of the MCA Prize, the Americas Prize, and the Solomon Lefschetz Medal. Based on the very successful experience of the first congress, wide participation of mathematicians and students from North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean is expected.

The Mathematical Congress of the Americas is organized by the Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCoFA), a network for professional mathematical societies and research institutes based in the Americas dedicated to promoting the development of mathematics in all its aspects, highlighting the excellence of mathematical achievements in the Americas within the context of the international arena, and fostering the scientific integration of all mathematical communities in the Americas. Current membership of MCoFA includes seventeen mathematical societies (organized as large societies, small societies, and associate members) and twelve institutes covering most countries in the Americas.

For More Information

See current information about the MCA 2017, including Plenary Lectures, Invited Lectures, and Prize Lectures, at mca2017.org.

Special Sessions—Call for Proposals

Proposals of special sessions at MCA 2017 are welcomed by the Special Sessions Subcommittee. Early submission of proposals is encouraged: good proposals will be approved on a regular basis before the deadline so that session speakers may be invited in plenty of time to make travel and funding arrangements.

Proposals must be submitted by email to the address sessions@mca2017.org no later than **July 31, 2016**.

A proposal should include:

- the names, affiliations, and contact information (including email addresses) of all the organizers, with one organizer designated as “contact organizer”
- a brief presentation of the topic and scope (up to one page)
- a preliminary list of the expected speakers

The topics should be broad and fairly well represented throughout the Americas. The list of organizers must include at least two mathematicians from different countries in the Americas. Preference will be given to proposals whose list of suggested speakers represents diversity in all aspects. Each special session will consist of two 4-hour

periods. We recommend that the organizers base their sessions on a total of sixteen half-hour time slots for their speakers. Although it is anticipated that limited financial support will be available to help with expenses for some of the participants, at present we cannot promise financial support for the special sessions.

Prizes of the Mathematical Council of the Americas—Call for Nominations

The Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCoFA) welcomes nominations for the following prizes, which will be awarded on the occasion of the second Mathematical Congress of the Americas. Nominations must be submitted by email to the address mca2017.prizes@gmail.com no later than **December 15, 2016**.

The MCA Prize: Five prizes of US\$1,000 each will be awarded to mathematicians who are no more than twelve years past their PhD in July 2017. Eligibility for consideration of nominees requires that they either received their graduate education or that they currently hold a position in one or more countries in the Americas. The choice of the prizewinners will be based on the documented mathematical achievements of the nominees. The nominations must include a justifying statement (up to two pages), the CV of the nominee, and one additional letter of support. The winners will be invited to give a lecture on their work at the congress.

The Americas Prize: One prize of US\$5,000 will be awarded to an individual or a group in recognition of work to enhance collaboration and the development of research that links mathematicians in several countries in the Americas. The nominations must include a description (up to four pages) of the work and any relevant citations that justify the award of the Americas Prize. CVs of the nominees should be provided. There must be four co-nominators from at least two different countries.

The Solomon Lefschetz Medal: Two medals with an award of US\$5,000 will be given to mathematicians in recognition of their excellence in research and their contributions to the development of mathematics in a country or countries in the Americas. Nominations must include a justifying statement (up to two pages) and a brief paragraph that can be used in the announcement of the medal, the CV of the nominee, and two additional supporting letters.

The selection of the winners will be made by the MCA 2017 Awards Subcommittee, which is appointed by the MCoFA Executive Committee. In making their decisions the Awards Subcommittee will be guided by the information in the nominating material and detailed insights about the nominees's professional accomplishments. It is important that the nominees's most significant contributions and their impact be part of the nominating material. The Awards Subcommittee may also make nominations if it chooses to do so. An individual may make up to two nominations in each category. Self-nominations will not be accepted in any category. Requests for information concerning the nominating process should be sent by email to mca2017.prizes@gmail.com.



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