

# International Mathematical Union



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## IMU AO Circular Letter 8/2019

To: The Adhering Organizations of the International Mathematical Union (IMU)

From: Helge Holden, IMU Secretary General

### Call for Themes for the International Day of Mathematics 2020

Dear colleagues,

As you know (see Circular Letters 7/2017 and 19-20/2018), the IMU is leading the project to have UNESCO proclaim March 14 (“Pi day”) as the International Day of Mathematics (IDM). Following the adoption of the project by the Executive Board of UNESCO in October 2018, the proclamation by UNESCO of March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics is on the agenda of the 40<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO in November 2019. Hence we have already started the preparations for an official launch on March 14, 2020, of the first IDM.

At its recent meeting, the Executive Committee (EC) of IMU decided the Terms of Reference and membership of the first Governing Board for the International Day of Mathematics. The Governing Board is chaired by Christiane Rousseau. The EC also decided to accept the bid submitted by IMAGINARY (<https://imaginary.org>) for building and running the IDM website.

Each year, the IDM Governing Board will propose a non-mandatory theme for the celebration of the IDM, and the Governing Board will choose this theme in consultation with the IMU Adhering Organizations and supporting organizations.

A call for proposals of the theme of IDM 2020 is open with deadline

**April 30, 2019.**

Please send suggestions for a theme, together with a short justification, by email to Christiane Rousseau at [idsm@mathunion.org](mailto:idsm@mathunion.org).

Regards

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