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# Activities

## Aims and Objectives

We aim to assist developing countries in all possible ways.

*Some examples :*

- the development of mathematics curricula ;
- cooperation with local staff in conducting M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs ;
- helping to build up libraries ;
- helping to build up regional centres and networks ;
- providing information about further studies for students from developing regions ;
- sourcing funds for junior and senior researchers to attend conferences.

# Our activities (past, present and future)

*Book donation scheme.* We have already moved tens of tonnes of books and journals, from Europe, USA, Canada, to Africa, South East Asia, and South and Central America.

*Funding conferences.* We have funded participants to ICM06 in Madrid, a speaker to Mongolia, a (part) CIMPA school, conferences, etc.

*Cambodian students.* We have supported a number of Cambodian students through their M.Sc. studies.

*Conference discussions.* We held a roundtable at 5ECM and a discussion group at ICM10.

# Our activities (past, present and future)

*Electronic access* : One member of the committee, Anders Wandahl, has run two workshops on electronic access.

*Agreement with Zentralblatt* : free access for Developing Countries.

*Twinning* : We can provide a starting seed grant of around 500 Euros to facilitate the twinning of departments in developed and developing regions.

*Mentoring* : We have a new project under the title Mentoring African Research Mathematics (MARM).

# Our sponsors

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Donations to EMS

**EMS Membership** : A particular reduced fee of 5 Euros for mathematicians who reside in a developing country from a list established by our Committee.

# Emerging Regional Centres of Excellence (ERCE)

**October 2012** : Expressions of Interest in the ERCE programme are now requested. Each interested institute is asked to send us a brief description of its activities, and its suitability, together with a covering letter and supporting material. The preliminary deadline for application or expression of interest is 28th February 2013.

One such ERCE exists :

*ASSMS*, Lahore, Pakistan      <http://www.sms.edu.pk/>

Alla Ditta Raza Choudary

*A student from Indonesia started his studies towards a PhD in ASSMS in September 2012, supported by EMS–CDC.*

## ERCE : a South–South perspective

The idea is for EMS to select, endorse and help a number of centres to offer training to M.Sc. level to students from less developed countries in their region. Provided there are institutions in the emerging economies who are interested in participating, and with the backing of the EMS, our committee is confident that such a scheme will work well.

It is cheaper in general to send a student to a nearby country or region. The student will be less disoriented, and in some cases, they may not need a higher European degree. The educating institution will gain experience and prestige.

# ERCE : Applications received

*CIMAT*, Mexico      <http://www.cimat.mx/>  
Jose Antonio de la Pena

*VIASM*, Vietnam      <http://viasm.edu.vn/>  
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*University of Mascara*, Algeria  
<http://www.univ-mascara.dz/>  
Mohamed Belkhelfa

*IASBS Zanjan*, Iran      <http://iasbs.ac.ir/>  
Rashid Zaare Nahandi

# Annual meeting 2013

Our committee has one meeting each year : Nice in 2004, Vienna in 2005, Heidelberg in 2006, Uppsala in 2007, ICTP Trieste in 2008, Brussels in 2009, Budapest in 2010, Madrid in 2011, Limoges in 2012.

The next annual meeting will take place in Linköping (Sweden) on April 20, 2013.

# Danish Mathematical Society (DMF)

DMF's 140 years anniversary

Happy Birthday DMF!

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