

Committee for Developing Countries of the European Mathematical Society

Short report for the meeting of the Executive Council of the EMS, February 2014

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Our next annual meeting will take place in Berlin on April 26, 2014. There has been a heavy exchange of e-mails recently between the members of the committee for preparing this meeting. Among the items which will be included in the agenda are as follows.

- We will discuss our participation to the program "Mathematics in Emerging Nations: Achievements and Opportunities" (MENAO) which is going to take place on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 just before the ICM.
- We should propose new institutions to receive the label "Emerging Regional Centres of Excellence" (ERCE). There are already three institute members, namely the Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences (ASSMS) in Pakistan (2011), the Centro de Investigación en Matemáticas, Mexico ([CIMAT](#)) (2013) and the Vietnam Institute for Advanced Studies in Mathematics ([VIASM](#)) (2013). A new call has been issued for 2014, so far we did not receive any formal application. However the deadline is only at the end of February, we hope to receive applications soon, and anyway, we already have some suggestions of institutions to contact if they do not take the initiative themselves.
- The book donation scheme continues to be one of our main activities.
- Our funds are too much limited, we will discuss how we could improve the situation, but also we will discuss how to use what is already available. So far we supported some workshops (last year *Femmes et Mathématiques* of the African Mathematical Union in the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) South Africa, July 17-19, 2013) and also we supported the participation of young students from developing countries to programs like *Summer Programme in Mathematics* (SPIM) from 17th June to 05th July, 2013 in the Harish Chandra Research Institute (HRI) of Allahabad (India). Besides, our committee supported a student from Indonesia to prepare his PhD in ASSMS Lahore (Pakistan). We use these funds only for supporting young mathematicians from developing countries, and mainly in a perspective of South-South cooperation.
- The renewal of our committee: we plan to propose the Executive Council to enlarge our committee (now 11 members) while taking into account a number of balances (gender, countries, research domain).
- Besides, we will have a round table on April 25, the day before our meeting, the topic is not yet finalized.

The [website of our committee](#) provides more information on our activities; in particular the home page

<http://euro-math-soc.eu/EMS-CDC/index.php>
displays the latest news from the EMS-CDC.