

Congrés Internacional

Hem rebut de la International Mathematical Union la següent carta, anunciant el pròxim Congr s Internacional de Matem tics:

Paris, November 15, 1982.

TO ALL NATIONAL ADHERING ORGANIZATIONS
TO IMU and NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Dear Colleagues,

The Executive Committee of IMU, at its meeting in Paris, November 13, 1982, decided to confirm the organization of the International Congress of Mathematicians in Warsaw in August 1983.

At the General Assembly, held in Warsaw in August 1982, there was a general feeling that the Congress should take place, if possible.

Since then, the Executive Committee has heard from several National Committees. It consulted again with many individual mathematicians, Poles and others. Invited speakers were also consulted.

Immediately before the meeting of November 13, the President of IMU visited Poland for consultations. In addition to meeting members of the Organizing Committee and other mathematicians, he was received by the Vice Prime Minister, Mr. RAKOWSKI.

The Executive Committee has been assured that no practical matters will interfere with the organization of the Congress. The Vice Prime Minister confirmed that the plan of the Polish Government to cancel martial law by the end of 1982 still stands.

Information and views received did not point in a single direction and the Committee had considerable difficulty in reaching its decision. In the light of all the information, the Executive Committee did not feel justified in taking the drastic step of cancelling the Congress. On the other hand, the Executive Committee believes that there are indications that a Congress in 1983 could be scientifically successful.

The tradition of regular congresses is as important one which has only been interrupted the two world wars. It is our conviction that our decision to hold the International Congress of Mathematicians in 1983 best promotes international cooperation in mathematics.

In reaching this decision, the Executive Committee expresses its sincere wish that all those connected with the Congress will respect its non political nature.