

Minutes of ICMS 2026 Business Meeting

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SUMMARY

The “International Congress of Mathematical Software” (ICMS) is a community of researchers and practitioners centered around “mathematical software” as a **scientific activity**. This community has organized nine conferences:

- (1) ICMS 2002: Chinese Academy of Sciences (Location: Beijing, China)
- (2) ICMS 2006: University of Cantabria (Location: Castro Urdiales, Spain)
- (3) ICMS 2010: Kobe University (Location: Kobe, Japan)
- (4) ICMS 2014: Hanyang University (Location: Seoul, Korea)
- (5) ICMS 2016: Zuse Institute Berlin (Location: Berlin, Germany)
- (6) ICMS 2018: University of Notre Dame (Location: South Bend, Indiana, USA)
- (7) ICMS 2020: TU Braunschweig/Online (Location: Braunschweig, Germany/Online)
- (8) ICMS 2024: Durham University (Location: Durham, England, UK)
- (9) ICMS 2026: Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo (Location: Waterloo, Ontario, Canada)

The business meeting for ICMS 2026, led by Stephen Watt, had 4 main topics:

- Section 1: Report on ICMS 2026
- Section 2: Report from Program Committee for ICMS 2026
- Section 3: Discussion about ICMS 2028
- Section 4: Other topics

A big thank you to everyone who made ICMS 2026 a success!

1. REPORT ON ICMS 2026

Bernard Mourrain, General Chair for ICMS 2026, and Stephen Watt, Local co-Chair for ICMS 2026, provided information about ICMS 2026. Some highlights include

- 142 registered participants (plus additional local support)
- 136 talks
- 15 topical sessions
- 3 plenary speakers

Bernard Mourrain provided an overview of the three calls associated with ICMS 2026:

- Sessions: December 1 deadline
 - decided by General Chair and Program Chairs (Jonathan Hauenstein, Sonja Petrovic, and Yue Ren)
- Short Abstract (for talks): March 16 deadline
 - decided by each session organizer
- Short Papers (for publication in proceedings): April 18 deadline

- reviewed by Program Committee consisting of General Chair, Program Chairs, and Session Organizers

Stephen Watt described the finances for ICMS 2024. The 142 registered participants consisted of 83 regular registrations and 59 student registrations. which is a sign of interest in ICMS amongst junior participants. Every student that is presenting a paper who requested a scholarship was awarded one, which consisted of a refund of early student registration fees.

Due to conservative budget, it is anticipated that there will be a surplus. The participants discussed options for using the surplus with consensus consisting of three things: providing some funds for volunteer students who helped to ensure the conference ran smoothly, paying for continued registration of the domain name `icms-conference.org`, and providing support for students to attend future ICMS.

2. REPORT FROM PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR ICMS 2026

Yue Ren provided a report from the Program Committee. Volume 16677 of Springer Lecture Notes in Compute Science (LNCS) will contain the proceedings of ICMS 2026. The proceedings will be finalized and published after the conference. The proceedings will consist of 50 accepted papers which are between 6 and 10 pages that were peer reviewed by the Program Committee. So, of the 136 talks at ICMS 2026, 50 are based on peer reviewed papers and 86 are based on submitted short abstracts.

3. ICMS 2028

Alicia Dickenstein, chair of the ICMS Advisory Board, described the process for deciding where ICMS 2028 will be hosted. The call of proposals to host ICMS 2028 will be released in the near future with an October 15, 2026 deadline. Some key requirements include a 4 day conference in late July that does not conflict with related conferences, host about 150 participants, relatively low registration fees, and parallel sessions. After reviewing the proposals, the ICMS Advisory Board will make a decision on the location of ICMS 2028.

Although there is not a preferred location, it was noted that the European Congress of Mathematics will be hosted in Bologna, Italy in July 2028 and the International Congress of Mathematicians will be hosted in Glasgow, Scotland in July 2030. As has generally been the tradition, ICMS 2026 is a satellite conference of ICM 2026 in Philadelphia.

4. OTHER TOPICS

Three other topics were discussed:

- Michael Kohlhase, the Web Officer of ICMS, discussed status of the ICMS domain name `icms-conference.org`. This draws from a GitHub organization called `ICMS-conference` which several people have administrative access providing sufficient redundancy. Funds from ICMS 2026 registration fees will be used to continue the registration of the domain name. Michael and Jonathan Hauenstein in role as Secretary of ICMS will work to provide redundancy on domain name access so that it is not dependent on one person.
- It was recommended that the organizers of future ICMS conference utilize the ICMS Advisory Board as a resource to draw on their institutional knowledge of hosting exceptional

events. Additionally, this will help establish clear lines of responsibilities amongst the General Chair, Program Chairs, and Local Chair(s). The ICMS Advisory Board can review organizational structure and make suggestions as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm and thank everyone who helped to make ICMS 2026 a success!