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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)

We started work in earnest in 2002. Since then we have expanded our aims and been involved in a number of projects.

- **Agreement with [zbMATH](#)**: free access for Developing Countries. Details of this scheme are [here](#).
- **Book donation scheme**: More details are [here](#). New donors and recipients are always welcome. 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**: Decisions to support a conference are taken once a year, during our annual meeting in April. We have funded participants to ICM06 in Madrid, a speaker to Mongolia, part of a [CIMPA](#) school, part of the [2nd African Women Mathematics workshop](#), and so on.

Support provided by EMS CDC

- ▶ Support for Cambodian students to study in Vietnam, Philippines, India, Malaysia.



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- ▶ Support for a student from Indonesia to prepare a PhD in Pakistan.
- ▶ Support for students from Nepal to study in India, Malaysia.



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- ▶ Contribution to *2nd African Women Mathematics workshop* of the African Mathematical Union held at AIMS (South Africa) in 2013 and to the Ibni Prize in 2014.



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Electronic Documentation

We run workshops on electronic access in DCs and help to build up libraries.

e-Math for Africa

<http://math.golonka.org/>

Finding Online Information in
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<http://workshop.ems-cdc.org/doku.php>



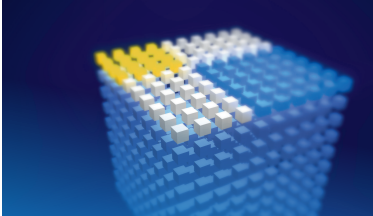
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We aim to send books and journals donated by mathematicians in the developed world to institutes and departments in the developing world. We have received quite a number of generous offers: from individuals who retire, from institutes/libraries getting rid of excess stock, from libraries going digital, and also from publishers' surplus. We continue to welcome such generosity.

On the other hand, we also have a list of recipients: those who have promised to make available to all local mathematicians freely the donated material, and to keep it in good condition. This list is ever expanding, and we welcome any such institutes to contact us for this purpose.

The shipping costs are high, but we are supported financially, on a case-by-case basis, by [ICTP](#), [American Mathematical Society](#), [London Mathematical Society](#), [Zentralblatt](#), [The Norwegian Programme for Development, Research and Education \(NUFU\)](#), and also our own very limited funds. We have moved tens of tonnes of books and journals, from Europe, USA and Canada, to Africa, South East Asia, and South and Central America.

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Emerging Regional Centres of Excellence (ERCE)

The focus of this project is the education of students in the developed world to the Masters level. We aim to tailor our approach so that it is appropriate to the different levels of development that exist in different parts of the world. Our first call for interest went out in [2010](#), another followed in [2012](#), and the third has just gone out (see above).



To train mathematicians from the least developed regions to say the Masters level, it is not efficient, nor necessary, to send them to institutions of the highest level. Indeed among the emerging economical regions there are very good centres which can train mathematicians to the Masters level and higher. After the Master's degree, if the student is capable, then we can try to find ways of sending him or her to Europe to do a Ph.D. In fact, EMS-CDC, in collaboration with CIMPA, has already educated a Cambodian student in Vietnam to Masters level, with two more doing the course in 2010/2011.

It is in this spirit that our committee wishes to propose a scheme of **Emerging Regional Centres of Excellence (ERCE)**. The idea is for EMS to select, endorse and help a number of such centres to offer training to M.Sc. level to students from less developed countries in their region. Following the above encouraging example, 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.

ERCE : a South–South perspective

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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.

NIM Network of International Mathematical Centers

Five ERCE so far

- (2010) *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.

- (2013) *CIMAT*, Mexico <http://www.cimat.mx/>

Jose Antonio de la Pena

- (2013) *VIASM*, Vietnam

<http://viasm.edu.vn/?lang=en>

Le Tuan Hoa

ERCE : two further centers in 2014

*Institute of Mathematical Research (INSPEM), University
Putra Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

<http://www.inspem.upm.edu.my/>

Dato' Dr. Kamel Ariffin Mohd Atan

IASBS Zanjan, Iran

<http://iasbs.ac.ir/>

Rashid Zaare Nahandi

Emerging Regional Centres of Excellence (ERCE) 2016

Coming soon : Expressions of Interest in the ERCE programme will be 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 may be end of February 2016.



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- 12.06.2015 [Report by Michel Jambu](#) on CIMPA activity in South East Asia.
- 10.06.2015 [Report on the roundtable discussion at CDC AGM in Oslo](#). The report includes a presentation by Wandera Ogana, President IMU-CDC.
- 09.04.2015 Individual reports for CDC AGM, Oslo, Norway.
 - [Leif Abrahamson](#) (on ISP);
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 - [Joana Teles](#);
 - [Tsou Sheung Tsun](#) (presentation on CIMPA);
 - [Bengt Ove Turesson](#);

Annual meetings of EMS CDC

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, Linköping (Sweden) in 2013, Berlin (Germany) in 2014, Oslo (Norway) in 2015. The next one will be in ICTP (Trieste, Italy) on April 9, 2016

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