



Statement of the Scientific Committee of *Unione Matematica Italiana (UMI)*

approved by the General Assembly of Members of UMI, on May 23, 2026.

Re: International Congress of Mathematicians --- Philadelphia, July 2026

The Scientific Committee of the Italian Mathematical Union, regarding the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM-2026, promoted by the International Mathematical Union (IMU), to be held in Philadelphia at the end of July, taking into account the statement of the European Mathematical Society (EMS), expresses and approves the following considerations.

1. **Support for the Organizing Committee.** We recognize and highly appreciate the work done by the IMU and the ICM Local Organizing Committee.
2. **Value of the Congress.** The ICM is the foremost gathering for the international mathematical community: holding the Congress stands as an affirmation of the values of openness, dialogue and scientific cooperation beyond differences of any nature.
3. **Concern about the situation in the United States.** The Committee shares the concerns expressed by many colleagues about the current US political climate and its impact on international mobility and the safety of researchers.
4. **Participation and hybrid format.** We fully understand the position of those who, for whatever reason, may face difficulties or prefer not to travel to the United States. From this perspective, the UMI advocates for the implementation of a truly interactive hybrid/online participation system, enabling those facing difficulties to take part in the congress remotely; UMI expresses its readiness to discuss the matter with other national mathematical societies.
5. **UMI representation.** While respecting individual choices and taking into account the evolution of the situation, as things currently stand, it is expected that some members of the UMI Executive Board will attend, as delegates proposed by INDAM to the General Assembly of the IMU, which will be held in New-York prior to the ICM, in order to actively participate in decisions regarding the selection of the venue for the next edition of the ICM and the future policy of the IMU.

Beyond these considerations on the Congress, the Scientific Committee also expresses its concern about the difficulties encountered by mathematical research in the United States, in particular the funding cut imposed by the administration on all mathematics projects submitted to the National Science Foundation in 2025. In this context, we reaffirm our solidarity with our counterpart, the American Mathematical Society, and the commitment to promote mathematical research together through joint projects.