8ECM

The Eighth European Congress of Mathematics (8ECM) will take place in Portorož, Slovenia, the week 5–11 July 2020 (see http://www.8ecm.si/). The ECM is the quadrennial congress of the European Mathematical Society.

The 8ECM will be not only a great opportunity for Slovenia (and for the University of Primorska in particular) to showcase its mathematical achievements, but also a wonderful chance for authors, referees and editors of our journal to present work at its best. This can be done through posters, contributed talks, mini symposia and satellite conferences.

Here is the chronology of the European Congresses of Mathematics: Paris (1992), Budapest (1996), Barcelona (2000), Stockholm (2004), Amsterdam (2008), Krakow (2012), Berlin (2016) ... and now Portorož (2020). The list is impressive, and we are quite honoured to be in such good company. Also we are grateful to everyone who supported our bid to host the 8th ECM.

There is only one problem we foresee, namely persuading members of the AMC community to take part in the Congress. Of course many of us prefer to attend more specialised conferences and workshops, where one can enjoy some really good and interesting talks and the company of many mathematicians with similar interests. But the 8ECM offers something special, in terms of a wider programme, plenary lectures by leading and upcoming mathematicians across a range of fields, and a spectacular Adriatic venue!

An important task of those of us involved with the organisation of the 8ECM is to make the Congress friendly and welcoming for mathematics communities like that of AMC. We are confident that our experience in organising numerous mathematical conferences and workshops is giving us the necessary skills to perform this task. Even so, it will be a great challenge.

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