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# 2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF MATHEMATICS

Budapest, Hungary

July 21 – 27, 1996

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

János Bolyai Mathematical Society is pleased to invite you to attend the Second European Congress of Mathematics, to be held under the auspices of the European Mathematical Society in Budapest, Hungary, July 21 – 27, 1996.

**Location.** Situated on both sides of the river Danube, Budapest is one of the great metropolises of Europe, endowed with a unique combination of natural and architectural beauty: charming hills, graceful bridges, a royal palace, elegant boulevards, pleasant parks, cafés, concert halls, art collections, and more, all this linked by efficient public transportation.

Bolyai Society invites you to combine a week of mathematical adventure and a few days of unforgettable vacation in our “little Paris on the Danube”, as the National Geographic called our city.

**Venue.** Congress activities will mainly take place in the well equipped lecture halls of the Technical University in the vicinity of downtown Budapest. Some events will be hosted by the splendid modern “Budapest Convention Center” at the foot of Buda’s hills.

**Dates.** Congress activities will take place from Monday, July 22, till Friday, July 26, 1996. July 21 and 27 are days of arrival and departure, respectively.

**Transportation.** The Budapest Airport is served by all major European and some overseas airlines and has direct flights to New York and to most major European airports, including Frankfurt, Rome, Zurich, Paris, London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Stockholm. Budapest can be reached on the Danube by hydrofoil from Vienna in 5 hours or by train in 3 1/2 hours.

MALÉV Hungarian Airlines is the official conference carrier, offering a 15% discount to conference participants upon presentation of this announcement at MALÉV offices.

**Accommodations.** The travel agency MALÉV AirTours (address: MALÉV AirTours, Congress Department, H-1051, Budapest, Roosevelt tér 2, fax: (36-1)266-6006, e-mail: [ecm2MAT@math-inst.hu](mailto:ecm2MAT@math-inst.hu)) will arrange accommodations for participants and will also offer various tourist programs. More details will be given in the Second announcement.

### Scientific Program.

The motto of the Congress is *“The unity of mathematics”*.

The program includes 10 plenary addresses, approximately 35 invited lectures in parallel sessions (speakers will be announced in the second announcement), award

lectures by approximately ten young mathematicians, round table discussions, and poster sessions.

The following is a tentative list of round table discussion topics.

- Communication in mathematics (including Electronic Publishing)
- Mathematical games
- Goals for mathematical education
- Demography of mathematicians
- Women and mathematics
- Public image of mathematics
- The role of publications in the career of a mathematician
- Mathematics and Eastern Europe.

**Mathematics related activities** include exhibits, book sale, games, etc.

**Satellite Conferences** will be held in a variety of fields at various sites in Hungary and neighbouring countries. Information on these conferences is enclosed. If interested, please contact directly the organizers of these conferences. The Congress office cannot forward mail.

**Social programs.** Reception, banquet, classical concert, folk music concert, excursions to the scenic Danube bend etc.

**Deadlines.** If you wish to receive further conference announcements, please return the attached *preliminary registration form* by *July 31, 1995*. Before completing the form, however, may we ask you to kindly distribute copies of this announcement and the registration form among your colleagues.

We shall mail the Second Announcement at the beginning of December.

**Financial support.** Following the tradition set by the First European Congress in Paris and the IMU Congress in Zurich, the Organizing Committee does its best to secure funds for conference grants. Such grants may be used to cover registration and local expenses. We do not expect to be able contribute to travel expenses.

Application forms for conference grants will be attached to the second announcement. The deadline for grant applications is January 31, 1996. Applicants will be notified of the decision by April 30.

**The Scientific Committee** consists of

J. Moser (CH), chair, L. Babai (H), E. Bayer (F), L. Carleson (S), C. De Concini (I), S. K. Donaldson (UK), B. Engquist (S), S. Hildebrand (D), S. Novikov (Russia), E. Paradoux (F), A. Schinzel (PL), D. Szász (H).

**The Round Table Committee** consists of

B. Prum (F), chairman, C. Duhamel (F), A. Figà-Talamanca (I), D. Gabay (F), A. Recski (H), B. H. Sendov (BG).

**The Satellite Meeting Committee** is co-chaired by Gy. Katona and Ágnes Szendrei.

Please note that this announcement (as well as the later ones) is (will be) available by anonymous ftp both from the Mathematical Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences [circle.math-inst.hu:/pub/ecm2](ftp://circle.math-inst.hu/pub/ecm2) and at the Server of the European Mathematical Society <http://www.emis.de>.

Please return the attached preliminary registration form to one of the following addresses:

before July 31, 1995:

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