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**Joint meeting during ICM2014 in Seoul of the  
Committee for Developing Countries  
and the  
Committee for European Solidarity  
of the European Mathematical Society  
on August 15, 2014 from 12:00 to 13:00**

**Participated to the meeting:**

Leif Abrahamsson (CDC), Roland Duduchava (Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee CMC1), Pavel Exner (EMS, Elected President), Gert-Martin Greuel (CDC), Stefan Jackowski (CES), Michel Jambu (CDC), Frank Neumann (CES), Marie-Francoise Roy (CDC), Marta Sanz-Solé (EMS, President), Armen Sergeev (EMS), Olaf Teschke (Zentralblatt MATH), Tsou Sheung Tsun (CDC), Bengt-Ove Turesson, Betül Tanbay (President of the Turkish Mathematical Society), Paul Vaderlind (CDC), Michel Waldschmidt (CDC, Chair).

The Chair of CES, Carles Casacuberta, asked the EC liaison Armen Sergeev to represent him.

After each participant introduced herself or himself, the agenda included three items: presentation of the two societies (CDC and CES), The First Caucasian Mathematics Conference (CMC1), and the question of merging the two committees.

**Presentation of EMS CDC**

**Committee for Developing Countries** <http://euro-math-soc.eu/EMS-CDC/CDC>  
<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/committee/developing-countries>

*Role:* Assisting developing countries to develop curricula, training, libraries, centres of excellence and information for PhD programmes.

## Presentation of EMS CES

### Committee for European Solidarity

<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/committee/european-solidarity>

*Role:* Undertaking actions to foster the development of mathematics in economically less-favoured regions within the geographical area of EMS membership.

Armen Sergeev read a report of CES which was prepared for the Bilbao EC meeting of EMS last June, including a list of conferences in 2014 and 2015 which are supported by this committee. Each travel grant for young european mathematicians is limited to 500 Euros, on top of that each conference receives at most 3000 Euros. The annual budget of this committee is about 14 000 Euros - it is the only committee of EMS which has such a budget.

### CMC1

The first Caucasian Mathematics Conference (CMC I) will be organized in Tbilisi, Georgia, on September 5 and 6, 2014, under the auspices of the European Mathematical Society and the cooperation of the Armenian, Azerbaijan, Georgian, Iranian, Russian and Turkish Mathematical Societies. The scope of this CMC Conference is to bring together mathematicians from Caucasian and neighbouring countries annually in one of these countries. The CMC is partially supported by the EMS and is welcoming mathematicians from all over the world.

<http://euro-math-soc.eu/node/4705>

<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/cmc/Home/Home.html>

<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/cmc/Speakers/Speakers.html>

So far, 238 participants are already registered, 82 of which come from Iran. They represent 19 countries. Travel and local expenses of the 7 invited speakers as well as of 2 young mathematicians from each of 6 countries are supported.

This should be the first conference of a series - it is likely that the next conferences will last longer than 2 days. Betül Tanbay says that Turkey plans to propose to host the second CMC, maybe in 2015. The frequency of this scheme might be biannual.

### Merging the two committees CDC and CES of EMS

This possibility has been considered long back, no move was decided so far; it may be not a bad idea to consider it again. This was suggested by Andreas Griewank after his meeting in the Council of EMS with Carles Casacuberta in San Sebastian in June 2014. It has been decided that there will be a small working group to discuss the opportunity of doing so, a Skype discussion should take place among its members shortly before the Oslo meeting of EMC-CDC on April 11, 2015.

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Report available at URL:

<https://www.imj-prg.fr/~michel.waldschmidt/EMS-CDC/MeetingSeoul15082014.pdf>

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