SPECIAL SESSIONS – Call for proposals

Joint International Meeting of the American Mathematical Society (AMS), European Mathematical Society (EMS), and Sociedade Portuguesa de Matemática (SPM) University of Porto, Porto, Portugal June 10-13, 2015

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- 1. The Program Committee invites mathematicians to organize high-level special sessions. Joint organization of special sessions by mathematicians from the US, Europe, and in particular from Portugal, is strongly encouraged. Proposals from early-career mathematicians are welcome.
- 2. A session proposal should include:
 - (a) Title of the session;
- (b) Name, institution and e-mail address of each of the organizers, with one organizer designated as the contact person;
- (c) A brief (at most half a page long) description of the main themes of the special session;
 - (d) A sample list of about ten potential invited speakers and their institutions.
- 3. Proposals should be sent to the AMS Associate Secretary, Prof. Georgia Benkart, via e-mail (benkart@math.wisc.edu).
- 4. Selection and guidelines:
 - The Program Committee will select the proposals and also decide on the amount of time allocated for each special session.
 - Aiming for reasonable diversity, the committee will interpret mathematics in the broad sense (including applications to fields such as physics, medicine or biology, and including history or philosophy of mathematics).
 - Organizers of special sessions may invite researchers from any country to speak.

- To keep all sessions synchronized, talks will begin on the hour or half hour. Each talk slot can accommodate a 20-minute talk or two consecutive slots can be combined for a 45-minute talk. Any combination of 20-minute and 45-minute talks is possible.
- The expected total length of a session will be between 5 and 10 hours.
- All meeting participants, including special session organizers and special session speakers, are expected to pay the meeting registration fee.
- More information about organizing a special session can be found at http://www.ams.org/meetings/meet-specialsessionmanual

5. Deadlines:

Proposals should be submitted by **June 1, 2014**. Decisions are expected by **July 1, 2014**.