

International Group for Mathematical Creativity and Giftedness (MCG)

First Business Meeting

on August 4, 2010 (18:15 – 19:45),
at LIDO Restaurant Centre Riga, Latvia

Chair:

Hartwig Meissner President

Participants:

Linda Sheffield	Vice-President
Emiliya Velikova	Secretary
Dace Bonka	Treasurer
Francisco Bellot-Rosado	International Committee
Jong Sool Choi	International Committee
Andrejs Cibulis	International Committee
Ansie Harding	International Committee
Romualdas Kasuba	International Committee
Boris Koichu	International Committee
Goetz Krummheuer	International Committee
Roza Leikin	International Committee
Vince Matsko	International Committee
Demetra Pitta-Pantazi	International Committee

Agenda:

There was no official agenda. Each participant briefly introduced himself/herself and then keywords were collected to get a structure for the meeting:

- (1) Duties of the Officers
- (2) Duties of the International Committee Members
- (3) Membership
- (4) Next MCG Conference
- (5) Affiliations and Cooperation with ICME, ICMI and others
- (6) Publications of the Group
- (7) MCG Website
- (8) Information Policy in MCG

ad (1) Duties of the Officers

The four Officers are responsible for administering the affairs of the Group.

- President and Vice-President are responsible for the implementation of the Group's decisions.
- The Secretary will keep the membership list and distribute necessary information to all members. She / he also will prepare the minutes of the GMM which, after approval by the Board of Officers, will be distributed to all members.

- In a first step the Treasurer will collect models from other organizations like ICME, PME, WFNMC, ... how they have organized membership dues and what they offer then for their members and for guests. In a second step a MCG model must be developed.

ad (2) Duties of the International Committee Members

The International Committee (IC) assists the Officers in their work and supports by its international distribution global aspects of the Group.

ad (3) Membership

There is a list of 80 Founding Members. Founding Members are those who participated at the Establishing Meeting on August 4, 2010 in Riga and who signed during that meeting the participants list from that meeting. They participated at the discussions and decisions to establish the Group formally and they elected a Board of four Officers and 12 members of an International Committee.

The list of Founding Members is now with the Secretary. The Founding Members still must be asked for sending some missing membership details to the Secretary, cf. the enclosed Membership Application Form.

Interested individuals from around the globe are invited to join the Group. There is a Membership Application Form, see enclosure, which also should be available via the website of the Group. The Membership Application Form must be sent to the Secretary. There are no dues at the moment.

ad (4) Next MCG Conference

At the Establishing Meeting in Riga Jong Sool Choi from Busan (Korea) offered to organize the *7th International Conference on Creativity in Mathematics Education and the Education of Gifted Students* in Busan immediately after ICME 12. The GMM appreciated this proposal and voted on it unanimously. Thus our next conference will be on 15 – 18 July 2012 in Busan, an International Program Committee will be established soon.

ad (5) Affiliations and Cooperation with ICME, ICMI and others

Linda Sheffield, now Vice-President of the Group, will contact again the ICMI Officials how to become an Affiliated Group of ICMI and she will ask the ICME Organizers for two different time slots at ICME 12, one for the main theme *creativity* and another for the main theme *giftedness*.

ad (6) Publications of the Group

How to establish processes in our new Group to realize own publications (books, a journal, periodicals, information services, ...)? A subgroup of Board Members (Linda Sheffield, Emiliya Velikova, Dace Bonka, Francisco Bellot-Rosado, Roza Leikin) and hopefully additional MCG members will work on this question.

ad (7) MCG Website

Roza Leikin will continue updating the MCG website. A subgroup of Board Members (Roza Leikin, Romualdas Kasuba, and Demetra Pitta-Pantazi) will work on expanding the website and on how to integrate new ideas.

ad (8) Information Policy in MCG

Boris Koichu reports from an interesting experience of establishing a new professional group named The International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence

(IRATDE), see their website at <http://www.iratde.org/>. In particular, IRATDE has established a high-quality peer-reviewed on-line journal, which serves as a major component of their information policy. The question comes up how to establish links to developments like these or to other scientific groups and their work.

Hartwig Meissner suggests to installing an information service by the President, realized through short emails to all MCG members, each paragraph in the email with a web address where more extended information can be found.

Thank You

The First Business Meeting technically was organized through the Local Organizing Committee of the conference. The new MCG Board appreciated the nice atmosphere in an attractive environment. We say a cordial THANK YOU to Dace Bonka and her staff.

Emiliya Velikova
Secretary of MCG

Hartwig Meissner
President of MCG