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United States Hosts 2026 International Congress of Mathematicians

The International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2026 will be held in Philadelphia, 23–30 July 2026. The 20th International Mathematical Union (IMU) General Assembly in New York City will precede this, 20–21 July 2026.¹

The first ICM was held in 1897. Since 1900, ICMs take place every four years. Only twice before has the United States been chosen as the host country—the 11th in 1950 and the 20th in 1986.

An ICM showcases what is going on in contemporary mathematics. Hosting one is a source of pride for host country mathematicians and politicians.

The scientific prizes awarded by IMU are the highest distinctions in the mathematical world and are awarded every four years at the Opening Ceremony of the ICM. The most famous is the **Fields Medal**. The Fields Medal was first awarded in 1936 and is considered our “Nobel Prize.”² The hosting nation’s leader often attends the Opening Ceremony.

**We request you support a
Concurrent Resolution declaring
2026 as the “Year of Math”
in the United States.**

Hosting ICM2026 provides a platform for the United States to declare 2026 the “Year of Math.”

Somewhere along the way, many—if not most—Americans have developed a negative relationship with math. The Year of Math will reintroduce everyone to math, but without the anxiety or the tests. Math can be tough, but it’s also fascinating, rewarding, and incredibly useful.

In a marketing study, roughly 80% of adults surveyed said that they are “very likely” or “somewhat likely” to engage with the Year of Math, and about 90% think the Year of Math is a good way to help people reconnect with math.

Satellite conferences and other events to engage the public with mathematics are held in the host country throughout the year.

Organizers are working with Philadelphia schools, museums, libraries, and other public institutions to highlight mathematics during ICM2026. This will include daily public events in an auditorium that seats 4,500.

¹ IMU is an international non-governmental and non-profit scientific organization, with the purpose of promoting international cooperation in mathematics. It is a member of the International Science Council (ISC).

² There is no Nobel Prize awarded in mathematics.

About the American Mathematical Society

Founded in 1888, the American Mathematical Society (AMS) is dedicated to advancing the interests of mathematical research and scholarship and connecting the diverse global mathematical community. The AMS has nearly 30,000 individual members worldwide and supports mathematical scientists at every career stage.

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