



From the President, Ari Laptev

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On behalf of the European Mathematical Society (EMS) I would like to congratulate all the participants of the 14th General Meeting of European Women in Mathematics. The European Mathematical Society considers this meeting as one of the most important European events in mathematics 2009 and we strongly support it.

This meeting enables women mathematicians from all over the world to meet their colleagues, some of whom they might otherwise never have the chance to meet. Such meetings provide opportunities for interaction between different areas of mathematics that often lead to exciting developments of completely new areas of mathematics.

Organizers of the Congress have worked hard to provide you with an interesting week of distinguished lectures that I am sure we will find stimulating, challenging and enjoyable.

We hope this meeting will encourage European and Serbian women to become professional mathematicians and will also develop closer collaboration and visibility for women mathematicians of Europe.

Every year, the EMS invites a leading mathematician to give a series of lectures of an advanced expository nature on a topic of current research interest. We are very happy that this year Professor Ingrid Daubechies from Princeton has agreed to accept our invitation and give EMS lectures at the EWM meeting in Novi Sad.

The European Mathematical Society would like thank our colleagues in Novi Sad for kindly hosting the 14th EWF General Meeting.

We are confident that the programme of your conference will contribute substantially to the enhancement of European co-operation between women in mathematics and we wish you every success with this event.

Yours sincerely,

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