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PREFACE

The *Proceedings* of the International Congress of Mathematicians, 1986, are printed in two volumes.

Volume 1 contains the official record of the Congress held at Berkeley from August 3 to August 11, 1986, the list of Ordinary Members, the reports on the work of the Fields Medalists and the Nevanlinna Prize Winner, the Plenary addresses, and the addresses in sections 1–8. Volume 2 contains the addresses in sections 9–19.

The Short Communications made by members at the Congress are not included in the *Proceedings*, but the names of the communicators and the titles of their papers will be found by section in the scientific program. Summaries of these contributions, if received in time, were printed in *Abstracts*, issued to members during the Congress.

Berkeley, 1986

PAST CONGRESSES

1897 Zurich 1950 Cambridge, U.S.A. 1900 Paris 1954 Amsterdam

1904 Heidelberg 1958 Edinburgh 1908 Rome 1962 Stockholm

1908 Rome 1902 Stockholm 1912 Cambridge, U.K. 1966 Moscow 1920 Strasbourg 1970 Nice

1924 Toronto 1974 Vancouver 1928 Bologna 1978 Helsinki

1936 Oslo

1932 Zurich 1982 Warsaw (held in 1983)

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Ahlfors: 1936 Fields Medalist, Honorary President of the Congress

PAST FIELDS MEDALISTS AND NEVANLINNA PRIZE WINNERS

Recipients of Fields Medals

1936 Lars Ahlfors
Jesse Douglas
1950 Atle Selberg
Laurent Schwartz
1954 Kunihiko Kodaira
Jean-Pierre Serre
1958 Klaus Roth
René Thom
1962 Lars Hörmander
John Milnor
1966 Michael Atiyah
Paul J. Cohen
Alexander Grothendieck
Stephen Smale

1970 Alan Baker
Heisuke Hironaka
Sergei Novikov
John Thompson
1974 Enrico Bombieri
David Mumford
1978 Pierre Deligne
Charles Fefferman
Gregori Margulis
Daniel Quillen
1982 Alain Connes
William Thurston
Shing-Tung Yau

Nevanlinna Prize Winner 1982 Robert Tarjan



Lehto, Moser, Mesirov

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGRESS

The National Academy of Sciences of the United States, through the U.S. National Committee for Mathematics, invited the International Mathematical Union to hold the 1986 International Congress of Mathematicians in the United States at the University of California, Berkeley. The invitation was accepted by the International Mathematical Union at the Warsaw Congress in August, 1983. Final action was taken a few days later when the Warsaw Congress at its Closing Ceremonies accepted the invitation to Berkeley, which was presented by Professor Jack K. Hale on behalf of the mathematical community of the United States of America.

The Academy, in turn, asked the American Mathematical Society to handle the organizational aspects of the Congress. The Society organized the Congress as a nonprofit corporation, ICM-86, and Jill P. Mesirov was appointed Executive Director. ICM-86 used the services of the American Mathematical Society's Meetings Department headed by H. Hope Daly, who served as Congress Manager.

The scientific program was organized by a Program Committee appointed by the International Mathematical Union. Its members were Enrico Bombieri, Lennart Carleson, Friedrich E. P. Hirzebruch (Chairman), David Mumford, Louis Nirenberg, Michael O. Rabin, J. A. Rozanov, David P. Ruelle, and I. M. Singer. The committee divided the program of the Congress into 19 sections and appointed a panel to nominate speakers in each section. The committee also approved the inclusion of sessions for ten-minute Short Communications in the Congress. In October of 1985 the Program Committee selected 16 mathematicians to give Plenary Addresses and 148 to give lectures in sections. Invitations were issued over the following weeks. Of the 164 invited, 14 plenary and 132 section speakers were present at the Congress.

The Fields Medals Committee, consisting of P. Deligne, J. Glimm, L. Hörmander, K. Ito, J. Milnor, J. Moser (Chairman), S. Novikov, and C. S. Seshadri arrived at its decisions in early 1986. The Nevanlinna Prize Committee, whose members were S. Cook, L. D. Faddeev (Chairman), and S. Winograd, also completed its work early that year.

The Board of Directors of ICM-86 appointed a Steering Committee, chaired by Andrew M. Gleason of Harvard University, to oversee the arrangements. There were several subcommittees of the Steering Committee. The Local Arrangements Committee was chaired by John W. Addison Jr. of the University of California, Berkeley; the Scheduling and Abstracts Committee consisted of Kenneth A. Ross of the University of Oregon and Hugo Rossi of the University of Utah; the Committee on Special Funds was chaired by Richard D. Anderson, Louisiana State University; and the Public Information Committee was chaired by Yousef Alavi of Western Michigan University.

Late in 1984, preliminary announcements of the Congress were sent out to all countries where some mathematical organization could be located, requesting information on the number of copies of the First Announcement they required. The First Announcement, prepared in English, French, German, and Russian,

was sent to these mathematical organizations in early 1985. The Second Announcement contained detailed information about the Congress, instructions about submitting abstracts for Short Communications, and the preregistration and housing form. It was sent to over 8,000 individuals starting in December of 1985. The Third Announcement, which contained a preliminary version of the scientific program, was distributed with the acknowledgment of preregistration between March and June of 1986. In all, 3,586 Ordinary Members, 340 Accompanying Members, and 69 Child Members registered for the Congress. Of these 721 Ordinary Members, 24 Accompanying Members, and 7 Child Members registered on site.

The Congress had several sources of revenue. A subvention was received early on from the International Mathematical Union. Grants were later received from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Army Research Office, Office of Energy Research, Office of Naval Research, National Science Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Vaughn Foundation Fund. Through the efforts of the staff and the Committee on Special Funds, donations in the form of cash, goods, and services were received from a number of both public and private individuals and corporations. It is especially interesting to note that nearly 9,000 members of the American Mathematical Society made contributions to the Congress totaling over \$30,000. Registration fees were \$125 for Ordinary Members registered before May 15, 1986, and \$163 thereafter; \$60 and \$78 for Accompanying Members; and \$30 for Child Members.

The International Mathematical Union gave travel grants to 32 young mathematicians from developing countries or from countries with currency difficulties. The Congress waived their registration fees, and, thanks to funds received from the Sloan Foundation and GTE Laboratories Incorporated, was able to give them room and board in the residence halls.

All sessions of the Congress took place on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. The Opening Ceremonies were held in the Greek Theater. All other plenary sessions were held in Zellerbach Auditorium. These sessions were simultaneously broadcast over closed circuit television to several large lecture halls. Video tapes of the plenary lectures were shown in the evenings. The lectures in the sections were given at a number of locations on the campus.

In addition to the invited lectures, about 700 ten-minute Short Communications were given and a large number of informal seminars were arranged by participating mathematicians. Abstracts of the Short Communications were published in a book distributed to all Ordinary Members. An educational materials exhibition consisting of 40 booths representing 26 exhibiting firms was open throughout the Congress.

The Steering Committee arranged various social events. The Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley hosted an outdoor reception in the Faculty Glade on the first evening of the Congress, Sunday, August 3. A western-style barbecue and rodeo was held Thursday evening, August 7, in the Cow Palace in San Francisco, where 2,800 members attended. A jazz concert was presented on Saturday, August 9, and a classical concert on Sunday, August 10. Each of these concerts was attended by approximately 1,500 participants.

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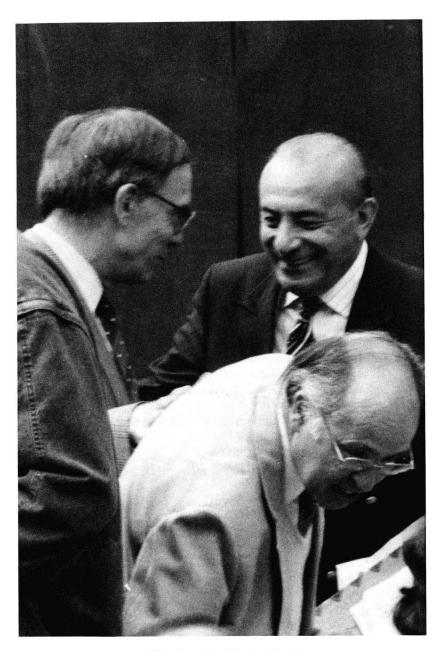
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