Ten years after the WMY2000

In 2000, the International Mathematical Union (IMU) launched the WMY2000, the World Mathematical Year supported by UNESCO. The 1992 Rio de Janeiro declaration by the IMU, set three aims: The great challenges of 21st Century; Mathematics, a key for Development; and The image of mathematics. This last challenge, in particular, has contributed for the renewal of many worldwide initiatives on the popularisation of mathematics and, in Europe, the RPA-MATHS (Raising Public Awareness in Mathematics) project was launched by the European Mathematical Society (EMS) and was coordinated by its homonymous committee.

As a joint initiative of CIM and the EMS/RPA committee, an international workshop will be held in Óbidos, Portugal, on the 26-29 September 2010, to provide a Forum for a general reflection and an international balance by experts on the building the Image of Mathematics, ten years after the WMY2000. It aims to encourage and inspire actions directed towards raising public awareness of the importance of mathematical sciences for contemporary society in a cultural and historical perspective, as well as to provide the European mathematical societies with ideas and contributions of concerted actions with other national or international organisations and societies in matters of raising public awareness of science and technology and other important aspects of society with a strong component of mathematics.

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