



A Letter from the President

April 14, 2014

Dear ISDE Members,



Our annual conference, the 20th International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications (ICDEA) 2014, will be held in Wuhan, China, from July 21 to 25, 2014. The conference website is now complete and on March 20, the online registration service has been opened. The deadline for early registration is June 15 and the deadline for abstract submission is June 20. I encourage everyone to attend this exciting event and to take this opportunity to visit the very exciting city of Wuhan. Now is the time to make your travel arrangements and to obtain a visa for China if necessary. The organizers, headed by **Yiming Ding**, will be glad to assist you with providing necessary documents for the visa application and with arranging your accommodation in Wuhan during the conference. Please refer to the conference website icdea2014.csp.science.cn for further details concerning our ICDEA 2014 conference. I would like to thank the

organizing committee for their hard work in preparing this conference and the scientific committee, chaired by **Ondřej Došlý**, for their excellent work in selecting the plenary speakers of the conference.

The society's other conference series is Progress on Difference Equations (PODE), and PODE 2014 is just around the corner and will be held in Izmir, Turkey, from May 21 to 24, 2014. I hope many members of our society will be able to attend this workshop; it is still possible to register and to submit your abstract in the next few days, with a deadline of April 15. Please refer to the website of the conference at dm.ieu.edu.tr/pode2014 for further details concerning our PODE 2014 conference, including information on how to register and submit an abstract. I also take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee, chaired by **Ünal Ufuktepe**, and the scientific committee, chaired

by **Saber Elaydi**, for their terrific work in planning for this conference.

In my previous letter to the society, I have already announced that ICDEA 2015 will be held in Białystok, Poland. The organizing committee is chaired by **Agnieszka Malinowska**. Moreover, in the meantime, the Board of Directors of the society has received a proposal by **Stefan Siegmund** to hold ICDEA 2018 in Dresden, Germany. On December 12, 2013, the Board of Directors unanimously approved this proposal. As of today, the locations for ICDEA 2016 and 2017 have not yet been decided. I encourage any ISDE member who wishes to organize one of these conferences to submit a proposal to me or any of the members of the ISDE Board of Directors. Guidelines for preparing proposals for ICDEA conferences are available on the ISDE website at isdeds.com. I am also looking forward to receiving proposals for the PODE conference 2015.



Martin Bohner

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Now I would like to give you an update on the membership situation of the society. The society currently has 552 (as of April 14, 2014) members. Regular Membership is free, and I encourage all of you to help in recruiting new members and refer them to our website, where they may fill out a membership application form. The complete ISDE Membership Directory is accessible from the website, using a password which was sent to you in my last e-mail. In the case you forgot this password, please e-mail me and I will send it to you. This way we can make sure that only members have access to this directory. Please also review the information given for you in the directory and inform me of any necessary changes by e-mail to bohner@mst.edu. The society also offers a Sponsoring Membership category. In this category, for annual membership dues of 100 USD (which can be paid conveniently on the society's website using PayPal or a credit card), sponsoring members help to support the society's activities and will receive a reduced registration fee for the annual ICDEA conference and a one-year

online subscription to JDEA. As of today, our society has the following ten 2014 Sponsoring Members (see their pictures on the left side of this page): **Ziyad Al-Sharawi** (Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman), **Adel Antippa** (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières, Canada), **Kenneth Berenhaut** (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA), **Martin Bohner** (Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri, USA), **Jim Cushing** (University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA), **Göran Högnäs** (Åbo Akademi University, Åbo, Finland), **Vlajko Kocić** (Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA), **Evelina Lapierre** (Johnson and Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island, USA), **Alexander Sharkovsky** (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine), and **Jaroslav Smítal** (Silesian University, Opava, Czech Republic). I would like to thank these colleagues for their support to our society and hope many more of the regular members will decide to become an ISDE sponsoring member for 2014.

Finally, let me also take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the treasurer **Andrea Bruder** and the webmaster and newsletter editor **Małgorzata Guzowska**. Both of them as well as the entire Board of Directors are working hard and spending a lot of their time on promoting difference equations and discrete dynamical systems as one of the fundamental subjects in mathematics.

With Best Regards,