



# A Letter from the President

December 19, 2014

## 2013 Best JDEA Paper Award



First of all, let me introduce the winners of the 2013 Best JDEA Paper Award: **Ferenc Bartha**, **Ábel Garab**, and **Tibor Krisztin** have authored the winning paper, entitled “Local stability implies global stability for the 2-dimensional Ricker map”. This paper was published in the Journal of Difference Equations and Applications, volume 19, number 12 (2013), pages 2043–2078. The award-winning paper was announced during the 2014 General Meeting of

the Society on July 22 during ICDEA 2014 in Wuhan, China. This conference marked the twentieth anniversary of our ICDEA conference series. The first ICDEA was held May 25–28, 1994, at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. For more information on the 20th International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, see the next page of my letter. I would also like to remind participants that the deadline to contribute to the Proceedings of ICDEA

2014 is January 15, 2015. Springer will publish these proceedings, and the title of the book will be “Difference Equations, Discrete Dynamical Systems, and Applications—Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, Wuhan, China, July 21–25, 2014”. The editors for the proceedings are **Martin Bohner**, **Ondřej Došlý**, and **Yiming Ding**. The proceedings will be published in the first half of 2015.



**Martin Bohner**

**ISDE President**

## 2016 ICDEA Conference of the Society



It is a pleasure for me to announce to the society that on December 3, 2014, the ISDE Board of Directors unanimously approved a proposal submitted by ISDE members **Hideaki Matsunaga**, **Yoshihiro Hamaya**, and **Naoto Yamaoka** to hold ICDEA 2016 in Osaka, Japan, July 17–22, 2016. The 22nd International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications will be organized by Osaka Prefecture University (OPU) and it will be

held at the satellite campus of OPU located in the heart of Osaka under the auspices of ISDE. Osaka Prefecture has, although being the smallest prefecture in Japan, a population of 8.8 million or roughly 7% of the entire population, making it the third most populous prefecture after Tokyo and Kanagawa Prefectures. You may find more information about Osaka on [www.ms.osakafu-u.ac.jp/~hideaki/OsakaOfficial-](http://www.ms.osakafu-u.ac.jp/~hideaki/OsakaOfficial-)

[GuidebookDigest.pdf](http://www.ms.osakafu-u.ac.jp/~hideaki/OsakaOfficial-GuidebookDigest.pdf) and also on [www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/en](http://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/en). You should already mark your calendars now in order to not miss this exciting conference, the second ICDEA in Japan after Kyoto in 2006.



# A Letter from the President

## 2014 Conferences of the Society



ICDEA, the International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, is the flagship conference of our society. It is held annually since 1994. The 2014 ICDEA took place at Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics in Wuhan, China, July 21–25, 2014. The conference was a big success, and I refer to the summary that appears later in the Newsletter. The society is indebted to the organizers of ICDEA 2014, in particular the Chair of the Organizing Committee, **Yiming Ding**.



PODE, Progress on Difference Equations, is the other conference series of our society. It is held annually since 2007. The 2014 PODE took place at Izmir University of Economics in Izmir, Turkey, May 21–24, 2014. This conference was also a big success, and I refer to the summary that appears later in the Newsletter. The society thanks the organizers of PODE 2014, in particular the Chair of the Organizing Committee, **Ünal Ufuktepe**.





# A Letter from the President

## 2015 Conferences of the Society



I am very happy to announce that on October 9, 2014, the ISDE Board of Directors has approved a proposal submitted by **Rui Ferreira** and **César Silva** to hold PODE 2015 at the Universidade da Beira Interior (UBI) in Covilha, Portugal, June 15–18, 2015. Progress on Difference Equations is the society's other (besides ICDEA) conference series and has been held annually since 2007 in Germany, Poland, Greece, Ireland, USA, Poland, and Turkey. UBI was founded in 1979 and awards all university academic degrees in several fields. It is located in the city of Covilha, one of the main urban centers of the Beira Interior region, in Central Portugal. The Chair of the Organizing Committee for PODE 2015 is **Rui Ferreira**, and the other members of the Organizing Committee are **César Silva**, **Hélder Vilarinho**, **Pedro Patrício**, **Sandra Vaz**, **Gastão Bettencourt**, and **António Benro**. The Scientific Committee for PODE 2015 consists of **Martin Bohner** (chair),



**Saber Elaydi**, **Stefan Hilger**, **Donal O'Regan**, **Chris Tisdell**, **Zuzana Došlá**, **Mário Bessa**, and **César Silva**. Currently, the Scientific Committee is selecting the plenary speakers for the conference. More and updated information about PODE 2015 can be found on the conference website at [www.pode2015.ubi.pt](http://www.pode2015.ubi.pt). Please mark your calendars and make sure not to miss this exciting conference.

As was announced previously, ICDEA 2015 will be held at Białystok University of Technology in Białystok, Poland, July 19–25, 2015. The Chair of the Organizing Committee is **Agnieszka Malinowska**. The other members of the Organizing Committee for ICDEA 2015 are **Zbigniew Bartosiewicz**, **Ewa Girejko**, **Alina Gleska**, **Małgorzata Guzowska**, **Klara Janglajew**, **Małgorzata Migda**, **Dorota Mozyrska**, **Ewa Pawlusiewicz**, and **Ewa Schmeidel**. The Scientific Committee for ICDEA 2015 consists of **Zbigniew Bartosiewicz**

(chair), **Zuzana Došlá**, **Ülle Kotta**, **Agnieszka Malinowska**, **Małgorzata Migda**, **Michał Misiurewicz**, **Mihály Pituk**, **Christian Pötzsche**, and **Ewa Schmeidel**. The plenary speakers for ICDEA 2015 will be **Jacek Banasiak** (Poland), **Martin Bohner** (USA), **István Győri** (Hungary), **Tibor Krisztin** (Hungary), **Jaume Llibre** (Spain), **Michał Misiurewicz** (USA), **Mihály Pituk** (Hungary), **Ryszard Rudnicki** (Poland), **Stefan Siegmund** (Germany), and **L'ubomir Snoha** (Slovakia). The conference website is [icdea.wi.pb.edu.pl](http://icdea.wi.pb.edu.pl). The first announcement of the conference appears later in this Newsletter. ICDEA 2015, being the 21st of the society's flagship conference series, will be ISDE's highlight for 2015, and I hope that a large number of the society's members will be able to attend this exciting event.





# A Letter from the President

## ISDE Membership

A few days ago, the number of ISDE members hit the 600 mark. During 2014, the society has grown from 537 members to 606 members, an increase of more than 10%. These members are from 71 different countries (an increase by 3 countries compared to the last year), showing that ISDE is truly an international and global society. More and more researchers are getting interested in research areas related to difference equations, discrete dynamical systems, and applications to other areas of science. That said, I ask all of you to help in recruiting even more new members. If you know anybody working in difference equations and/or discrete dynamical systems who is not yet an ISDE member, please take a moment to invite this person to become a member of the society. Applying for ISDE membership is easy: Just go to the society's website at <http://isdeds.com> and click on "Membership application" and fill in the requested information. The applicant has the option to apply for regular membership (which is free of

charge) or to become a sponsoring member of the society. 2015 sponsoring membership is 100 USD a year, and the dues can be paid conveniently online using a credit card or paypal. The funds received through sponsoring memberships help to support the society's activities in developing and enhancing research and education in difference equations and discrete dynamical system. As an ISDE Sponsoring Member, you will receive a reduced registration fee for the annual ICDEA conference and a one-year online subscription to JDEA. Please consider changing your regular membership into a 2015 sponsoring membership.

As I have announced previously, the society now has an html version of the current ISDE Membership Directory. This directory is available only to ISDE members. You may go to the society's website at <http://isdeds.com> and then click on "Members". From there, the ISDE Membership Directory is available by entering a password. This password was sent to you by e-mail; if you cannot

find it, just ask me and I will resend it. The membership directory contains the members' photos, institutions, e-mail addresses, web sites, links to their publications (through MathSciNet), and other information pertinent to the member (e.g., the year when the person joined ISDE). Please check all this information carefully and let me know if any of it needs to be changed. In order to gather this information, I have went through many old e-mails and even through a pile of the first 129 paper membership application forms that were airmailed to me by ISDE's founder and first president, the late Professor Bernd Aulbach, exactly 11 years ago, on December 22, 2003.

With my Best Regards and wishes for a happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year 2015,