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SEEMOUS
South Eastern European Mathematical
Olympiad for University Students
CYPRUS 2026

INTERNATIONAL MATH COMPETITION SEEMOUS 2026 IN PAPHOS, CYPRUS

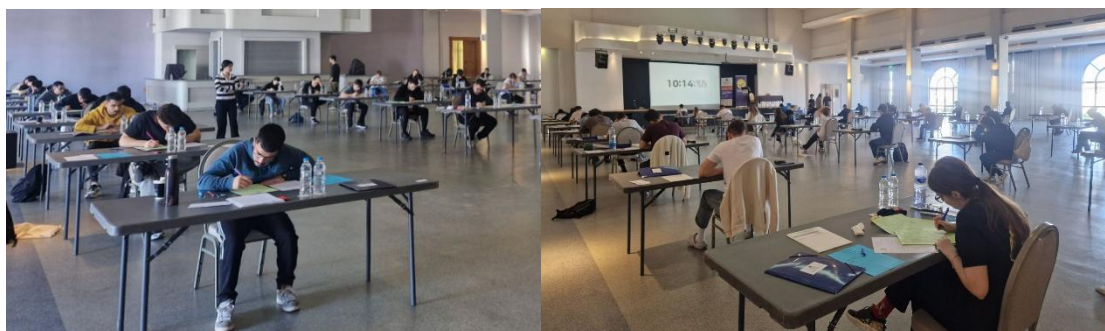
The Mathematical Society of South-Eastern Europe organized the 20th **Mathematical Olympiad for University Students with International Participation**, [SEEMOUS 2026](#). The 20th edition of SEEMOUS took place in **Paphos, Cyprus between 3rd and 8th of March 2026**. Due to events in the Middle East which have led to flight cancellations for some delegations and safety concerns regarding travel for others, the Organizing Committee has made a request to MASSEE to run the competition in hybrid mode which was approved. Ad Hoc Hybrid Regulations were prepared for the smooth running of the competition.

Overall, we had the participation of 27 participating teams with a total of 97 students representing 26 Universities. Out of these, 7 institutions and 30 students were with physical presence, and the rest were with online presence.



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On the 4th of March the Jury chose 2 Analysis and 2 Linear Algebra problems for the competition. According to the Hybrid Regulations, the problems were not translated into any other languages. On the 5th of March the competition took place following all Hybrid Regulations.



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After the competition and the coordination process the Jury decided on distributing 12 Gold, 23 Silver, and 32 Bronze medals according to the standard regulations.

Official results can be found at [SEEMOUS 2026 web page](#).



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It was mentioned to the Jury that Turkey expressed interest in organizing the next edition of SEEMOUS. The Jury expressed thanks to the Cyprus Mathematical Society for the Organization of SEEMOUS 2026.

In spite of organizational challenges, SEEMOUS 2026 achieved its main goals: to inspire and support mathematically talented university students in further developing their skills in mathematics, to promote communication and collaboration among students, fostering connections with peers and potential future colleagues in the field. In addition, SEEMOUS 2026 strengthened friendly relations and cooperation between our mathematical societies and university mathematics departments.

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MATHEMATICAL EVENT IN CYPRUS



European STEAME Academies Conference 2026
Paphos, March 12-16, 2026

The [European Federation of STEAME Teacher Facilitator Academies](#), established through the [STEAME Academy project](#), successfully organised its annual conference from 12–16 March 2026 in Paphos, Cyprus. Bringing together approximately 400 participants from more than 20 countries, including in-service and student teachers, researchers, academics, policymakers, and education stakeholders, the conference provided a dynamic platform for the exchange of good practices, innovative resources, research findings, and tools supporting STEAME Education and Project-Based Learning (PBL).



Held in parallel and at the same venue as the [EUROMATH & EUROSCIENCE 2026 Student Conference](#), the event enhanced collaboration between educators and students, strengthened the dissemination of STEAME methodologies, and promoted the STEAME Teacher Facilitator Certification. The programme featured a rich combination of workshops, presentations, and a dedicated networking event for STEAME Regional Academies. The European STEAME Academies Conference was organised by the University of the National Education Commission, Krakow and the European Association of Career Guidance, with the cooperation of the Cyprus Mathematical Society and the THALES Foundation. The Conference was held under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026.



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MATHEMATICAL EVENTS IN SERBIA

EC EMS-ERCOM meeting in Serbia
Belgrade, March 18-21, 2026



The Executive Committee of the European Mathematical Society Meeting (EC meeting) and the EMS Union of the European Research Centers on Mathematics Meeting (ERCOM meeting) were held on March 18-21, 2026 in Belgrade. Both meetings were hosted by Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MISANU). The events have started with the Welcome Reception on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the MISANU, held on the afternoon of March 18 at the National Museum of Serbia.



[The EC-ERCOM meetings](#) attracted more than 60 visitors from 30 European countries. Few days in the capital of Serbia were full of networking, fruitful discussions and exchange of good practices. The meeting was a great success and a step forward in boosting collaboration and visible engagement between the Serbian and the SEE mathematical communities and the leading European research centres and EMS.

The EC annual meeting was held in the European House in Belgrade on March 19. In the meeting, representatives of various EMS committees presented their reports. They discussed ongoing issues and strategies, as well as questions relevant to society and the development of mathematics in Europe.

In addition, a panel discussion on collaborations among EMS, MASSEE, and math societies from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia was held. The panelists were Prof. Jan Philip Solovej, the president of EMS, Prof. Zorica Stanimirović, vice-president of MASSEE and representative of the Mathematical Society of Serbia, Prof. Muharem Avdispahić, the president of the Union of Mathematicians of Bosnia and Herzegovina and MASSEE council member, Prof. Aneta Gacovska-Barandovska for the Union of Mathematicians of Macedonia, and Prof. Nevena Mijajlović for the Society of Mathematicians and Physicians of Montenegro.



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In the panel moderated by Saša Popović from MISANU, the importance of joint efforts and international and regional collaboration was highlighted, as was the need for a better understanding of the challenges small math communities face in funding their activities at the international level. Prof. regional cooperation of math societies in Southeastern Europe. Prof. Solovej expressed EMS's readiness to support and further engage with math societies from Southeastern Europe.



The first day of ERCOM meeting (March 20) began with presentations by Dr Zoran Ognjanović, director of MISANU, and Prof. Lucian Beznea, director of the Mathematical Institute Simon Stoilov of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, who introduced their respective institutions. The presentations on European Research Infrastructures and the relevant EMS committees were delivered, followed by a session and discussion on the EMS Young Academy (EMYA) and young researchers in research centers. On the second day (March 21), the ERCOM members introduced their initiatives in mathematics and the arts, and showcased multidisciplinary research activities, opening the door to further collaborations among the members. The special session on AI tools in administration was prepared for the administrative staff of the ERCOM members.

In addition to the EC-ERCOM agenda, prof. Alessio Figalli, the Fields Price 2018, recipient, delivered his lecture in the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts on March 20. Researchers, academics, EC-ERCOM meeting participants, and students from across Serbia attended the lecture. It marked the beginning of the scientific part of MISANU's jubilee celebration, which will run throughout the year.

National Seminar on the Teaching of Mathematics and Computer Science

Belgrade, March 21-22, 2026

The traditional [National Seminar on the Teaching of Mathematics and Computer Science](#), organized by the **Mathematical Society of Serbia**, was successfully held in Belgrade on **March 21–22, 2026**. The seminar's official opening ceremony took place on March 21, featuring an address by the President of the European Mathematical Society, Professor Jan Philip Solovej, to the attendees. Professor Solovej highlighted the crucial role of mathematics as a driver for society development, expressing concern over the decline in mathematical literacy across Europe and the need to improve the status of mathematics teachers. He noted that, regarding mathematical literacy, Serbia recorded a smaller decline compared to most European countries but still has much room for improvement. He specifically addressed the challenges of artificial intelligence, emphasizing that it must be based on high-quality content to serve as a useful tool rather than a barrier to the fundamental understanding of mathematics.



The Mathematical Society of Serbia hosts an annual seminar dedicated to advancing pedagogical practices in mathematics and informatics. This event serves as a multidisciplinary platform, integrating innovative teaching methodologies with a curriculum designed to foster professional dialogue and active engagement. The program's architecture is intentionally inclusive, providing specialized content tailored to the distinct needs of educators across the primary and secondary education sectors, including vocational education. A significant portion of the seminar is dedicated to peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, allowing practitioners to highlight successful instructional models and classroom experiences.



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To ensure broad accessibility, the seminar program was structured to include both on-site sessions and a dedicated series of online lectures, catering to different modes of participation. Central to the event is the plenary session, which offers a comprehensive overview of current educational trends and research. This session serves a briefing on contemporary developments and a forum for debating critical issues and proposing strategic improvements for the future of STEM education. The public dissemination is supported via a live stream on the [Society's official YouTube channel](#). This year's plenary session also provided an opportunity to reflect on two very important anniversaries – 200 years of Lobachevsky's geometry, as well as our own jubilee: the 30th anniversary of a popular science journal [Tangenta](#), for high school students.



The pedagogical impact of the seminar is reinforced by an extensive repository of specialized instructional resources. These materials-consisting of theoretical frameworks, practical application guidelines, and interactive experimental tools-remain accessible to participants indefinitely. This ongoing digital availability ensures that the insights gained during the sessions can be effectively translated into long-term classroom practice.

The robust attendance at this year's gathering underscores the perceived value and academic rigor of the Society's accredited professional development initiatives. Following the completion of the seminar, collaboration between the organizers and participants continues, with the goal of collecting examples of best practices. Feedback from attendees highlighted the practical relevance of the curricula and the high level of expertise demonstrated by the contributors. Moving forward, the Society remains committed to sustaining this standard of excellence in its mission to enhance the quality of mathematics and computer science education.

MATHEMATICAL EVENTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Popular Science Project “VOLIM MATEMATIKU” (I LOVE MATHEMATICS) – Inspiring New Generations

The popular science project in Bosnia and Herzegovina “[Volim matematiku](#)” ([I Love Mathematics](#)) is a continuation of a successful initiative launched in 2023, aimed at promoting mathematics among young people. Its primary goal is to contribute to the improvement of the mathematical education, as well as to highlight to the broader community the essential role that mathematics and mathematical education play in scientific and technological discoveries and in improving the quality of life.

Project activities were held at the Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo, and were organized by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Mathematical Society of Sarajevo Canton. The project was supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Science, further confirming its importance for the advancement of education and the promotion of science in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As part of the project, a workshop for mathematics teachers entitled “*AI and Mathematics Teaching*” was organized in January 2026, offering modern approaches to the integration of artificial intelligence into the teaching process. In February 2026, a series of workshops for primary and secondary school students was organized, combining educational and interactive elements. These included the Escape Room “*BreakOut*” and the workshop “*AI for the Curious*”. Additionally, the workshop “*Let’s Get to Know the Algorithm*” was designed for younger primary school students. These activities supported the development of logical reasoning, teamwork, and fundamental understanding of modern technological concepts.



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A central component of the project was a popular science event held on March 27, 2026, bringing together primary and secondary school students, teachers, university students, and academic staff. Through short three-minute presentations, topics such as the mathematical heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the connection between mathematics and artificial intelligence, open problems in mathematics, and the role of mathematics in the development of modern society were explored.



Additional value was provided through the creation of mathematical experiments and interactive exhibits, which served as effective visual tools to make mathematical concepts more accessible to students and the general public. Through these activities, the project “*Volim matematiku*” (*I Love Mathematics*) once again confirms the importance of innovative approaches in education and contributes to building a community that recognizes mathematics as a key component of modern society.

More information about the project is available on the project website:

<https://volimmatematiku.unsa.ba/>.



Maths Beyond Limits Balkans

Garden City Hotel & Resort, Konjic, March 23 - April 1, 2026

[Maths Beyond Limits Balkans](#) is an international camp for high-school students passionate about mathematics, with a special focus on participants from the Balkans. It is the regional continuation of Maths Beyond Limits (MBL), the renowned camp held annually in Poland.

The project aims to broaden students' view of mathematics, centered on diverse mathematical ideas rather than just competition-style problems, highlighting real-world applications and university-level topics.

MBL Balkans is the first-ever international maths camp in the Balkans, offering talented young people from the region opportunities usually hard to access. It also strengthens connections between Balkan mathematical communities and the wider global scene. The 2026 edition gathered 39 participants and 16 tutors from more than 20 countries at the Garden City hotel and resort in Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, making it one of the most prominent scientific events in the country.



The camp combines demanding mathematical classes with interactive problem-solving sessions, where students work together in small groups with guidance from tutors. Participants also have the chance to give short presentations (Camper Talks) on topics they are passionate about, helping them sharpen their presentation and communication skills. Outside of academics, the schedule includes evening activities, sports such as table tennis, tennis, and football, and social events that encourage bonding and collaboration across countries.



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MATHEMATICAL EVENTS IN TÜRKİYE

Mathematics and Hope: International Day of Mathematics 2026 Miletus Antique Theater, Didim, March 14, 2026

In celebration of UNESCO's International Day of Mathematics, the "[Mathematics and Hope](#)" event was held on **March 14, 2026**, at the historic Miletus Museum and Antique Theater in Didim. The program featured a distinguished panel of speakers, including Ali Nesin and Betül Tanbay, who focused on the unifying and promising nature of mathematics. The gathering provided a unique opportunity to explore the synergy between historical heritage and mathematical thought in a symbolic setting.



DÜNYA MATEMATİK GÜNÜ
MATEMATİK VE UMUT

DİDİM
14 Mart 2026 Cumartesi
Milet Müzesi / Milet Antik Tiyatro

17.00 Açılış
Faruk Pekin
Konuşmacılar
"Matematik ve Umud"
Talat Kırık
Füsün Nebil
Ali Nesin
Betül Tanbay

19.00 Kapanış
Hüseyin Üreten

19.15 İftar / Akşam Yemeği

Women and Mathematics: Financial Mathematics Atılım University, Ankara, Mar 13, 2026

Organized by the Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics (TKMD), the annual "[Women and Mathematics](#)" symposium was held at Atılım University on **March 13, 2026**. Held during the week of International Women's Day, this year's event focused on the theme of Financial Mathematics, bringing together female mathematicians from Türkiye and abroad.



The program featured distinguished speakers including A. Sevtap Kestel, İnci Kılıçkaya, Sinem Kozpınar, and Büşra Temoçin, who shared their expertise and research in the field. The gathering provided a vital platform for academic exchange and highlighted the significant contributions of women to mathematical sciences, particularly in the realm of quantitative finance.

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