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REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MASSEE

The annual Council Meeting of MASSEE was held on April 25 2026 in Thessaloniki, during the MICOM 2026 conference. The president, Prof. Gregory Makrides opened the meeting and welcomed the council members. Prof. Makrides presented the report of MASSEE activities for the period 2025-2026, which was approved by the Council. The report of the treasurer for the economic year 2025 was approved. The council considered and approved the reports from mathematical competitions SEEMOUS 2026 and JBMO 2025. The organizers for the SEEMOUS, BMO, and JBMO competitions over the next two years were appointed.



The Council members also discussed a proposal to organize an online international mathematics competition for primary school students in grades 5-7 or 8, named Primary Balkan Math Olympiad (PBMO), starting in 2027 or 2028. The decision of the Council is for the Executive Committee to prepare a draft regulation of PBMO, and the proposal will be discussed again. The Council agreed to start MASSEE Webinar lectures that will be posted on the MASSEE website. The topics will cover all fields of mathematics and mathematical education, and the coordination will be carried out by Executive committee. The President proposed exploring the possibility of expanding MASSEE to include additional countries from Eastern and Southern Europe. The Council approved unanimously dr Grigoris Nikitas for the position of Secretary General for the period 2026-2028.



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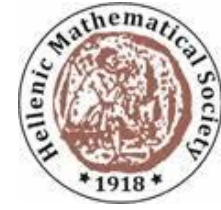
43rd BALKAN MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD 2026 HELD IN THESSALONIKI GREECE



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The Hellenic Mathematical Society, in collaboration with its Branch of Central Macedonia and the Department of Mathematics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, organized the **43rd Balkan Mathematical Olympiad in Thessaloniki on 3-8 May, 2026**. The competition has gained great prestige within the international mathematical community, and as a result, it attracts teams each year beyond the MASSEE member countries.



A total of 148 students participated in the 43rd BMO, representing the 11 MASSEE countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Turkey) as well as 13 guest countries (Algeria, Azerbaijan, France, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan). We thank to participants, organizers, team leaders, and volunteers whose commitment made this event possible. Information on the teams, the contest problems, and the awards can be found on [BMO 2026 website](https://www.bmo2026.org).



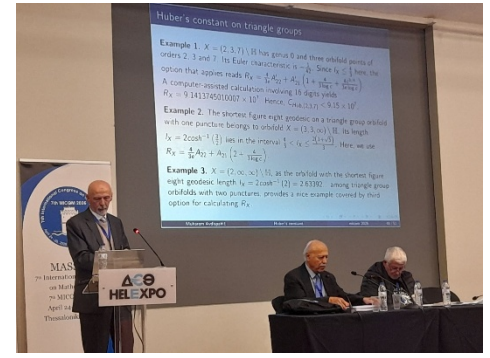


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7th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MATHEMATICS - MICOM 2026 HELD IN THESSALONIKI GREECE

MASSEE International Congress on Mathematics (MICOM) was revived! The 7th MICOM was held in Thessaloniki on April 24 –26, 2026, continuing the successful series of Congresses previously organized in Bulgaria (2003), Cyprus (2006), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2009), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2012), Greece (2015), and Cyprus (2018). MICOM 2026 was organized by the Hellenic Mathematical Society in collaboration with its Branch of Central Macedonia and the Department of Mathematics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, under the auspices of MASSEE.



The scientific program included invited lectures, contributed talks, and several parallel sessions covering a broad spectrum of contemporary mathematical topics. In total, 58 talks were given by mathematicians from all Balkan countries. Three plenary talks were delivered by Prof Muharem Avdispahić (University of Sarajevo), Prof. Chrysostomos Psaroudakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), and Prof. Dimitrios Ntalampekos, (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). In addition, a workshop entitled "SDEs: Theory, numerics and their interplay with Machine Learning" was organized by Sotirios Sabanis and Iosif Lytras.

MICOM 2026 gave the opportunity to researchers, educators, and young scientists to present recent developments, exchange ideas, and foster new collaborations in all areas of mathematics and its applications. More information can be found at <https://hms.gr/micom2026/>





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MATHEMATICAL EVENTS IN TÜRKİYE

10th Cemal Koç Algebra Days

Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir, April 24, 2026

The 10th installment of the "[Cemal Koç Algebra Days](#)" was held at Dokuz Eylül University to honor the distinguished memory and academic legacy of Prof. Dr. Cemal Koç. Since its inception in 2013, this annual symposium has rotated through various universities, serving as a cornerstone tradition for the Turkish algebra community. The gathering provided a robust academic platform for researchers to share current findings, strengthen scientific collaborations, and inspire the next generation of mathematicians. The event successfully brought participants together in İzmir, fostering a rich scientific dialogue that celebrated the enduring impact of Prof. Koç's mentorship and research.



The 11th Women Mathematicians Association Workshop

Bartın University, Bartın, Apr 24 – 25, 2026

[The 11th Workshop of the Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics](#) (TKMD) was hosted by Bartın University on April 24–25, 2026. This academic gathering was specifically designed for female mathematicians, including PhD holders and graduate students, to present their research through talks and poster sessions. The workshop successfully provided a professional platform for scholarly exchange and strengthened the network among women working in various fields of mathematics across Türkiye.





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2nd Workshop on Applied Mathematics and Statistics Izmir University of Economics, İzmir, May 9, 2026

Organized by the Department of Mathematics at Izmir University of Economics, the [2nd Workshop on Applied Mathematics and Statistics](#) (WAMS) brought together researchers, graduate, and undergraduate students. The academic event provided a dynamic platform for participants to present their work through oral and poster presentations.



IMBM Istanbul Topology Days: A Conference on Developments in Contact Topology, Mapping Class Groups, and Beyond Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, May 14 – 17, 2026

Hosted by the Department of Mathematics at Boğaziçi University, the "[IMBM Istanbul Topology Days](#)" conference brought together researchers, early-career mathematicians, and graduate students. This scientific event focused on recent advancements in geometric topology, with a particular emphasis on contact topology, mapping class groups, and low-dimensional topology.





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Thirty-First Gökova Geometry / Topology Conference Gökova, Muğla, May 18 – 23, 2026

The [31st edition of the traditional Gökova Geometry / Topology Conference](#) was held in Gökova, bringing together a distinguished group of international and domestic researchers. Over the years, this prestigious conference series has focused on the most exciting subjects and cutting-edge developments in geometry and topology. This year's event featured invited speakers from leading global institutions, including Sorbonne University, Kyoto University, Jagiellonian University, Uppsala University, and METU, providing a vibrant academic platform for advanced scientific exchange and international collaboration.



History of Science Meetings

Gebze Technical University, Kocaeli, June 23 – 24, 2026

The ["History of Science Meetings"](#) conference was held at Gebze Technical University, bringing together undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in the history of science and philosophy. While the core focus of the academic gathering was the history of mathematics, the program prominently featured developments in the history of physics, philosophy, astronomy, chemistry, and biology. Special emphasis was placed on scientific advancements within Turkish and Islamic civilizations, as well as in Anatolia and its surrounding regions, providing an open and vibrant environment for academic interaction.



MATHEMATICAL EVENT IN SERBIA

TEMATCOM 2026: The Second Conference on Mathematics and Computer Science Teaching

Kragujevac, May 29-30, 2026

The [2nd Conference on Mathematics and Computer Science Teaching – TEMATCOM 2026](#) was successfully held on May 29–30, 2026 in Kragujevac, Serbia. The conference was organized by the Faculty of Science, University of Kragujevac, in cooperation with the Kragujevac Branch of the Mathematical Society of Serbia.



TEMATCOM 2026 conference attracted significant interest from both the academic and teaching communities. The program featured 73 contributions authored by 116 researchers, teachers, and practitioners representing universities, schools, and educational institutions from Serbia and abroad. The conference program included three plenary lectures, oral presentations, and poster sessions organized within two thematic sections:

- Research in Mathematics and Computer Science Education
- School Practice.

Among the plenary speakers were Professor Bharath Sriraman (University of Montana, USA), Professor Zorana Lužanin (University of Novi Sad, Serbia), and Professor Filip Marić (University of Belgrade, Serbia).



A bilingual [Book of Abstracts](#) was published on the conference website. Selected full papers, following a peer-review process, will be published in the [Journal of Educational Studies in Mathematics and Computer Science \(JESMAC\)](#), an international open-access journal published by the Faculty of Science, University of Kragujevac. JESMAC journal was founded in 2024 alongside the first TEMATCOM conference.



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Through TEMATCOM conference, the Faculty of Science, particularly its Department of Mathematics and Informatics, together with the Mathematical Society of Serbia, seeks to promote the exchange of research findings, teaching experiences, and examples of good practice. By bringing together university academics, school teachers, curriculum developers, and representatives of educational institutions, TEMATCOM fostered dialogue on current challenges in mathematics and computer science education and encouraged the development of new regional and international partnerships. The continuation of TEMATCOM is an important contribution to the development of mathematics and computer science education in Serbia and the wider region. The conference aims to strengthen collaboration among researchers, teachers, and educational institutions, while promoting the exchange of ideas and good practices across national borders.



The 3rd TEMATCOM conference is planned for 2028, and we especially encourage colleagues from the MASSEE community to join us at TEMATCOM 2028 as authors, speakers, reviewers, and participants, and to contribute to the further development of regional cooperation in mathematics and computer science education. We believe that stronger involvement of colleagues from the region will further enrich the exchange of experiences and contribute to the development of new partnerships in mathematics and computer science education.

We would also like to invite researchers in mathematics education, computer science education, and related fields to consider submitting their work to the Journal of Educational Studies in Mathematics and Computer Science (JESMAC). Through both TEMATCOM and JESMAC, we hope to strengthen lasting professional connections and contribute to the advancement of mathematics and computer science education throughout the region.

