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Re: Report on the activities of the rpa committee for the next council meeting of the EMS
(Sofia, July 2010)

The present activities of the rpa committee center mainly around the realization of the mathematical popular web page www.mathematics-in-europe.eu under the auspices of the EMS.

We started in May 2009 with a meeting of the committee in Brussels (Belgium) where we discussed the first details concerning the contents and the structure of such a web page.

In December 2009 (long) negotiations with the Munich Re, a big German insurance company, came to a successful end. An agreement between the EMS, the Munich Re and the DMV (the German mathematical society) was signed. The Munich Re will be the sponsor of www.mathematics-in-europe.eu, they will pay 30.000 Euro every year for the realization of this web page. The DMV will be responsible for the administrative part of this contract.

In January 2010 a workshop took place in Kraków (Poland) where a subcommittee of the rpa committee prepared more details.

Further concrete preparations have started in February 2010:

- In April a professional graphics design office has presented suggestions for the design of www.mathematics-in-europe.eu, and the members of the committee agreed to accept this proposal.
- In May IT specialists have begun to transform the graphics into a form which can be used for the frame of a web page (we will work with the content management system JOOMLA! based on PHP and the database MYSQL).

Since January the rpa members and a team of students have started to collect material which will be presented in the web page. As much as possible will be prepared un-

til the next meeting of the rpa committee (May 2010, Istanbul). It is to be expected that www.mathematics-in-europe.eu can go online this summer.

Here are some supplements:

- One should note that the IMU agreed that our committee can present www.mathematics-in-europe.eu by a big poster in the IMU booth at the occasion of the ICM2010 in Hyderabad.
- A more detailed description of the project www.mathematics-in-europe.eu was published in the Newsletter 75 of the EMS (2010).
- Nuno Crato, Jose Rodrigues and myself prepare an international workshop (not only for European participants) in Óbidos (Portugal, September 2010) to exchange experiences with rpa activities.

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