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Dear members of the IMU,

On January 1st of 2023 the new management of the IMU will step in: the new president, Professor Gideon Schechtman, the new secretary, Professor Dmitry Gourevitch and the new treasurer, Professor Maria Gorelik.

We wish them luck and great success at their job!

The Abarbanel prize in applied mathematics was awarded this year to Professor **Yoel Shkolnisky** of Tel Aviv University. The prize committee commented on the difficulty of choosing a winner from a gallery of exceptionally strong candidates. Congratulations to the winner and to those who did not win as well!

In September we held the annual meeting of the IMU at Ben-Gurion University, and we can safely say that it was successful.

Not less successful was the IMU students' lectures day that was organized by Professor Nathan Keller and was held also at BGU on the day after the IMU meeting. Israeli graduate students prepared and delivered fascinating talks on their research to their fellow students and a panel of mathematicians that chose four of the speakers as recipients of special prizes by the IMU. Our gratitude is extended to Rami Aizenbud, Ohad Noy Feldheim, Gili Golan, Nathan Keller and Sara Tukachinsky for their effort and generosity in making this day such a success and also to Professor Benjy Weiss, for delivering a highly inspiring talk to the students.

We hope that the IMU students' lectures day will establish itself as a tradition and will continue to contribute to the training of future generations of Israel mathematicians.

At the request of members from Tel Aviv university, the IMU held an online general assembly in which the Nessyahu prize bylaws were discussed and changed. From now on every Ph.D. supervisor may submit his or her students to the Nessyahu prize directly, in addition to the nomination via department chairs that was the custom until now. A second change was made to comply with the request of the Nessyahu family representatives: from now on only a single winner of the prize will be allowed by the bylaws.

Before we bid farewell we feel that we must mention again the truly outstanding achievements of the mathematics olympiads Israeli teams - both for university and high school students. This amazing success has many lawful parents: the teams, the coaches, the Starkware company which extended its support and first and foremost the students themselves.

We thank the community of Israeli mathematicians for its continuous willingness to support the instruction of mathematics and mathematical research in Israel which together form the IMU's mission. We had the pleasure and the honor of contributing our share in the last couple of years.

Sincerely yours,

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