President's Speech

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In June of 2015, mathematicians of Chinese descent—from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, and overseas—met at X'ian and conceived a new organization called the International Consortium of Chinese Mathematicians.

The Consortium's purpose is to promote friendship among mathematicians of Chinese descent, and, at the same time, to encourage them to help each other with research and education related to mathematics.

Those mathematicians—C. S. Lin, Jing Yu, Yng Ying Lee, Jung Kai Chen, Lam, Wen Wei Lin, S.C. Chang, Zhou Ping Xin, Raymond Chan, Lo Yang, Shou Yuan Cheng, Xiping Zhu, Chong Qing Cheng, Ye Tian, Hong Wei Xu, Jun Li, Huai Dong Cao, Jixiang Fu, Ht Yau, Stephen Yau, and others—together established the charter of the ICCM. That charter is published in this journal.

It had been established that the Consortium should meet annually at a university either in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macao. The Consortium's first formal meeting was held at Sun Yat-Sen University (Guangzhou) in December 2017.

For the success of the December meeting, we are grateful to its local organizers, led by professor Zhi Ping Zhu, and for the hospitality of Sun Yat-Sen University. In the course of the meeting, more than one-hundred and fifty mathematicians presented their papers. For the first time, we presented awards for one hundred distinguished papers published in Tsinghua University's online archive *MathSciDoc*: among these, ten Gold Awards of ten thousand U.S. dollars each, and ten Silver Awards of five thousand U.S. dollars each. The entries were judged for quality by an international committee of experts. We are particularly glad that many of these papers were written by young mathematicians.

The next annual meeting of the International Consortium of Chinese Mathematicians will be held at Taipei, Taiwan, on the 27th of December 2018.

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