MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE
C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE 1

A scientific society of non-profit character is hereby established under the name "Mathematical Society of Southeastern Europe" (MASSEE), hereinafter referred to as the "Society". The seat of the Society is The Hellenic (Greek) Mathematical Society, 34 El. Venizelou (Panepistimiou) Avenue, GR – 106 79 Athens, Greece, and the laws of Greece apply to all of its activities.

ARTICLE 2

The member-societies of the Society are:

 - The Mathematical Society of Albania (Albania), Faculty of Natural Sciences, Bulevardi "Zogu I", Tirana, Albania

 - The Mathematical Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina),

- The Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians (Bulgaria), Academician G. Bonchev Street, Block 8, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria;

- The Cyprus Mathematical Society (Cyprus), 36 Stasinou Street, Office 102, Strovolos 2003, Nicosia, Cyprus;

– The Union of Mathematicians of Macedonia (FYR Macedonia), Pirinska b.b., 1000 Skopje, Macedonia;

- The Hellenic (Greek) Mathematical Society (Greece), 34 El. Venizelou (Panepistimiou) Avenue, GR – 106 79 Athens, Greece;

- The Mathematical Society of Moldova (Republic of Moldova), State University of Moldova, Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, 60, A. Mateevici Street, MD-2009 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

- The Romanian Mathematical Society (Romania), 14 Academiei Street, 70109 Bucharest, Romania;

- The Union of Mathematical Societies of Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia), Kneza Mihaila 35/IV, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia.

all legally represented and in equal partnership.

ARTICLE 3

The purposes of the Society are:

The development and promotion of mathematics in the area of Southeastern (SE) Europe and the safeguard of the interests of all the member societies;

The stimulation of mathematical research (pure and applied) in the area;

The coordination of solutions to problems of mathematical education in all levels in the area;

The improvement of relations and the fostering of scientific cooperation and interaction between the members of the member societies and the member-societies themselves; and the cooperation with other similar National and International Societies.

ARTICLE 4

The pursued aims of the Society will be achieved in the following ways and means of action:

- The development and coordination of cooperation between the member societies in the area of SE Europe;
- The organization of conferences, meetings, sessions, symposiums, seminars for the mathematicians and courses for the students of the countries in the area;
- The pursuit of funding through the European Union and other programs
- The creation of centers of excellence in different areas of Mathematics through aiding formation of networks between mathematical institutions and departments in Southeastern Europe;
- The human resources development through the promotion and diffusion in the area of a broad spectrum of information retrieval systems by means of access to internal and external databases;
- The dissemination of mathematical research through various publications of periodic and non periodic type; and
- The overseeing of the organization of mathematical competitions for students at various levels such as the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO) and the Junior Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (JBMO).

The Society will concentrate on those activities, which transcend the national frontiers with the aim to develop the communication and cooperation between its members without interfering with the national activities of the member societies.

ARTICLE 5

Each member-society maintains its independence and can autonomously create connections and communications with other societies and organizations.

ARTICLE 6

The resources of the Society shall consist of:

- Annual membership dues paid by the members;

- Additional contributions of the member-societies, determined by the Council;

- Revenues derived from the activities of the Society;

- Project grants; and

- Any other revenues, subsidies, bequests and donations.

During the first six months of each year every member-society should pay annual membership dues or other contributions, the exact amount of which shall be determined by the Council.

ARTICLE 7

The authority of the Society with decision – making power is the Council. The executive body is the Executive Committee (EC) of the Society.

ARTICLE 8

The Council consists of the delegates of the member-societies. Each society shall appoint two delegates who will represent it in the Council of the Society. The delegates, members of the Council, shall serve for a period of two years. An additional member of the Council will be the Secretary General of the Executive Committee. The Hellenic Mathematical Society proposes a Secretary General to be approved by the Council. A member of the Council, who resigns or is unable to attend a session of the Council may be replaced by a deputy delegate.

ARTICLE 9

The Council is the supreme authority of the Society and each member of the Council has one vote. The Council specifically decides on the annual dues or other contributions of the member-societies, elects the President, the Vice – Presidents and the other members of the Executive Committee, forms internal regulations and by-laws and deals with any other matters proposed by the Executive Committee or member-societies.

ARTICLE 10

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Society shall consist of:

a) the President of the Society;

b) two Vice – Presidents;

c) the Secretary General;

d) the Treasurer ; and

e) two members of the Council.

Members of the Executive Committee, except for the Secretary General, shall be elected among the members of the Council for a period of 2 years. The first term of service of the Secretary General will be 3 years and thereafter 2 years. Committee members may be reelected provided that consecutive service shall not exceed three consecutive terms. The Executive Committee is convened by the President or, in his absence, by a Vice – President.

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be four and must include the President or a Vice – President.

ARTICLE 11

 The Executive Committee and the Council are convened and chaired in their meetings by the President. The President represents the Society before any authority, administrative and judicial, and also in the relations of the Society with third parties.

The Vice – Presidents replace the President alternately each year in the event that the President is unable to perform his duties.

The Secretary General is responsible for the timely handling of all documents which are required for the operation of the Council and all the bodies of the Society, the keeping of the minutes of the meetings and the records of the Society, the monitoring of contacts with other European or international organizations and mathematical asso-

ciations, as well as the preparation of the reports issued on directions of the Executive Committee and the Council.

The Secretary General is the keeper of the official seal of the Society.

ARTICLE 12

The treasurer is responsible for the accounts of the Society by overseeing the accountings staff, the issue of evaluation of assets and liabilities of the Society, the drawing up of a budget plan for approval by the Executive Committee and the Council, the collection of the annual dues and contributions, the administration of the Society funds according to the decisions of the Council and the EC, and the issuance of the annual balance sheet.

ARTICLE 13

Six months before the regular session of the Council, the Secretary General will inform all the member-societies and having had all the names and the consent of the candidates proposed by them for the offices of the Executive Committee, draws up a list of the candidates for each office of the Executive Committee and timely forwards it to the members of the Council.

The members of the Executive Committee are elected during the regular session of the Council. The election of each of the offices of the Executive Committee is carried out with plurality with run off.

A member of the Executive Committee, except the President, who resigns or is unjustifiably absent from two consecutive sessions of the Executive Committee, shall be replaced without delay by the next candidate according to the succession list determined by the corresponding ballot results, if any, otherwise a new member will be elected. If possible, the members of the EC, except the Secretary General, should be members of good standing of different member-societies. Furthermore, the Council should, to any possible extent, devise a rotation system among the member-societies for all offices of the EC, so that all member-societies are eventually fairly represented.

ARTICLE 14

Every second year and one month before the term of the previous Council expires, the member-societies shall notify the Secretary General about their new appointees to the Council.

ARTICLE 15

The Council shall meet regularly once every year at the seat of the Society. The regular meetings as well as special meetings of the Council may be held at any time and place, subject to a decision of the Executive Committee. The quorum of the Council shall be more than half of the total number of the delegates of the member-societies. Decisions will be made by simple majority of votes amongst the members of the Council who are present.

Decisions pertaining to individual members of the Council or individual societies will be made only by a secret ballot; decisions on other matters will be made openly by roll call

The Council is empowered to enact rules, regulations and by-laws settling matters which are not dealt with in the present document. For this, a unanimous decision is required.

The Council may also constitute different committees for the purpose of dealing with special matters specifying their operation.

ARTICLE 16

Official language of communication for the Society is the English language.

ARTICLE 17

The duration of this Society is fortynine years. Six months before the expiration date of the Society, the member-societies should notify the EC whether they wish to extend their membership for another forty nine-year period.

In case of withdrawal or denunciation of any member-society, the Society does not dissolve; it continues to exist among the rest of the member-societies.

The decision of dissolving the Society before this agreement expires shall be made only by the Council with majority of 2/3 of the full number of the members of the Council.

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the Secretary General and the Treasurer act as liquidators and the liquidated assets or liabilities are distributed among the member-societies.

ARTICLE 18

Greek Courts of competent jurisdiction decide on matters arising from disputes concerning the functioning of this Society.

The establishing members:

1. The Mathematical Society of Albania (Albania), Fatmir Hoxha
2. The Mathematical Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Muharem Avdispahic
3. Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians (Bulgaria) – Prof. Stefan Dodunekov (President);
4. Cyprus Mathematical Society (Cyprus) – Dr. Gregory Makrides (President);
5. Hellenic (Greek) Mathematical Society (Greece) – Prof Nikos Alexandris (President);
6. Union of Mathematicians of Macedonia (FYROM)– Prof. Donco Dimovski (Vice-President);
7. The Mathematical Society of Moldova (Republic of Moldova), Mitrofan M. Cioban (President)
8. Romanian Mathematical Society (Romania)– Prof. Mircea Becheanu (Vice-President);
9. Union of Mathematical Societies of Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia) – Prof. Zoran Kadelburg (President)