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English Summary

This is the first issue of the CIM Bulletin. It includes a brief introduction by CIM President professor J. A. Perdigão Dias da Silva and a few biographical details on the members of the recently elected Scientific Committee. The scientific program for 1997 is also included. Two Summer Schools will take place and Stewart A. Robertson will lecture on convex bodies.

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On the 9th November the membership of the International Center for Mathematics elected its Scientific Committee. The list of candidates had been put forward by the Presiding Committee, after consultation with the membership. The criteria adopted for the selection of the foreign mathematicians on the list were their connections with the Portuguese mathematical community and the range of topics encompassed. As far as Portuguese mathematicians were concerned, priority was given to those working in applied areas and in areas in which there is considerable mathematical activity within the country.

Now that the Scientific Committee has been elected, the CIM finally has its full administrative structure in place, and can therefore seriously tackle the planning of its future activities.

The Presiding Committee, which was elected last July, has suggested that the activities of the CIM should be structured essentially as follows: 3-month periods focusing on a particular theme, intensive courses, conferences and seminar series. These activities should be connected with existing Portuguese research groups, and the active participation of Portuguese researchers and post-graduate students should be one of their essential features.

It is therefore imperative that members of the CIM show their interest in its future by fully participating in its activities, both administrative and scientific.

The aim of the bulletin of the CIM, of which this is the first issue, is to keep the Portuguese mathematical community in general, and the CIM membership in particular, informed about all aspects of its progress and activities.

The first major event in the life of the CIM will take place in 1998, with its first thematic 3-month period. Great care is necessary in the planning of the 1997 and 1998 programmes, as well as a significant financial contribution. Special funding is being requested for that purpose. The success of the CIM depends upon the active interest and support of its membership.

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