

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
International Group for the Psychology
of Mathematics Education

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**Report of the Trustees
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The trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

3. The objects of the CIO are to advance the field of mathematics education for the public benefit by:

- promoting and stimulating research.
- organising regular educational conferences around the world.
- supporting regional workshops around the world in general, and in under-represented regions of the world in particular.
- collaborating with organisations with similar aims.
- facilitating cross-disciplinary discussion and the sharing of information and research with an international emphasis.
- helping scholars from different parts of the world establish collaborative networks to further our collective understanding of how to improve mathematics education in their respective countries.
- providing grants to help bring scholars from under-represented regions of the world to our annual meeting.
- disseminating our research for the benefit of improving mathematics education at the classroom, school, district, and national levels.
- disseminating our research for the benefit of improving students' experiences with mathematics education at the classroom, school, district, and national levels.
- disseminating our research for the benefit of improving the preparation of mathematics teachers at the university level around the world.
- providing access to our research publications to the public.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities and application of income and property

4. POWERS

The CIO has power to do anything which is calculated to further its objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the CIO's powers include power to:

- (a) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed. The CIO must comply as appropriate with sections 124 and 125 of the Charities Act 2011 if it wishes to mortgage land.
- (b) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (c) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO. In exercising this power, the CIO must comply as appropriate with sections 117 and 119-123 of the Charities Act 2011.
- (d) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO. The CIO may employ or remunerate a charity trustee only to the extent that it is permitted to do so by clause 6 (Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons) and provided it complies with the conditions of those clauses.
- (e) deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the CIO to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000.

5. APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

5.1 The income and property of the CIO must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

- (a) A charity trustee is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of the CIO or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the CIO.
- (b) A charity trustee may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the CIO's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011.

5.2 None of the income or property of the CIO may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the CIO. This does not prevent a member who is not also a charity trustee receiving:

- (a) a benefit from the CIO as a beneficiary of the CIO.
- (b) reasonable and proper remuneration for any goods or services supplied to the CIO.

5.3 Nothing in this clause shall prevent a charity trustee or connected person receiving any benefit or payment which is authorised by clause 6.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Purposes and public benefit (Part 1)

(a) What IGPME does and how -

The International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education organizes an annual conference in collaboration with the local organizers. PME finds a capable local organizer and makes an agreement with them about organizing the conference in a way that guarantees the scientific quality of the program and preserves the collaborative and inclusive spirit of PME. PME selects members to the international program committee of the conference that is responsible for the scientific program of the conference. PME also provides financial guarantee in case of a loss for organizing the conference and when the conference makes surplus, the surplus is donated for PME.

As an outcome of the yearly conference there is a proceedings of the scientific papers, which PME publishes online freely for anyone to read. The scientific activities and researcher networking at the conference often lead to collaborative publications, research projects, and collaborative projects for mathematics education development or provide support for similar activities that have started elsewhere.

PME also organizes publication of scientific books. So far, PME has published two handbooks summarizing the scientific output of PME activities.

PME conference fee includes a donation to Skemp Fund that provides scholarships for mathematics education researchers who come from underrepresented countries and are facing financial or other difficulties that make their participation to international conferences difficult. A subcommittee nominated by the board of trustees decides which of the applicants will receive grants.

PME helps finding academic support for writing a PME conference paper for those early career researchers who are struggling with academic English or have not sufficiently experienced supervisor in their own institute.

The surplus from yearly conferences has been used for supporting regional conferences in areas where few researchers have been actively engaged with PME activities. So far, these regional conferences have been organized in Chile and Russia. PME supports also other special projects. Both regional conferences and special projects are funded based on application. The board of trustees - or, in case of funding over 5 000€, the AGM - decides which projects to fund.

(b) IGPME's purpose is beneficial -

Historically, research into the teaching and learning of mathematics was carried out either by mathematicians or psychologists, with little collaboration or interaction between the two distinct disciplinary groups. PME brings these groups together, to form an international research community stronger than the sum of its parts.

The public benefit of PME is the advancement of education. All societies believe that education benefits both the individual learner and society at large, by contributing to economic prosperity and also to the cultural and spiritual well-being of society. The ultimate purpose of all research in the field of mathematics education is to improve the quality of mathematics instruction at all phases of education and in all educational settings, thereby to understand and improve the quality of students' experience of learning mathematics and their enjoyment and mastery of the subject. The reasons for this endeavour include the economic prosperity of nations and their ability to compete internationally, as well as to promote the well-being, intellectual and aesthetic fulfilment of individuals, and their ability to engage in and contribute to the cultural life of their communities.

Mathematics, perhaps more than any other school subject, leaves a large part of the UK population with feelings of disaffection, alienation and helplessness. It is socially acceptable to claim that one is "no good at maths", when nobody would admit to being unable to read (say) with the same equanimity. This has consequences for individual autonomy and for the UK economy.

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The improvement of mathematics teaching and learning is tackled on several fronts, but research in mathematics education underpins (or should underpin) all of them. This goal is evident in the diverse activities of PME, such as those focusing on mathematics didactics (the systematic science of instruction); investigations into students' ways of knowing and understanding mathematics, learners' mathematical misconceptions and ways of addressing them in instruction; and on mathematics teacher education. In order to be rigorous, all research in mathematics education must be founded on firm theoretical principles and methods, and basic research devoted to 'theory' is a significant part of every PME Conference.

PME members take what they gain from their participation in the Conferences back to their respective countries of work and study, where they are leading authorities in and contributors to national and regional initiatives in connection with schooling, teacher education and university mathematics teaching. In most countries, for example, it is these experts who are given responsibility for the writing and revision of mathematics curricula and approved textbooks. A crucial contribution of PME to this national activity by its members is the international character of the PME community: exposure to practices in other countries motivates us to question and critically evaluate our own traditions and habitual practices, and thereby to sustain what is good and to change what could be done differently and perhaps better.

Many PME members also act as consultants to various agencies contracted to work with developing countries in the reform of their mathematics curricula, related instructional materials, and mathematics teacher education. In this way, PME plays an essential role as the intellectual powerhouse behind the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning across the world.

Purposes and public benefit (Part 2)

(a) All those with an interest in mathematics education including academics, researchers, teaching professionals and students, can benefit from the organisation's purpose

13. Operating and public benefit (Part 1)

(a) PME Annual General Meeting (AGM) has decided that all expenditure that exceeds 5 000€ should be approved by the AGM. Expenses authorized by an AGM decision or expenses that fall under the 5 000€ threshold are either decided by the board of trustees or by a subcommittee nominated by the board of trustees.

(b) PME's main focus each year is to provide and prepare an annual conference within an agreed country as mentioned earlier in this section.

(c) PME has developed criteria / policy set out by the trustees regarding the making of grants and this lays within our Skemp Fund grant making policy.

14. Operating and public benefit (Part 2)

(a) The conference fee includes a membership fee for that year. Hence, a participant of a conference automatically becomes a member.

To be eligible for regional conference or special project support, the main applicant needs to be PME member.

(b) PME conference proceedings are available online for anyone freely to read.

15. Operating and public benefit (Part 3)

(a) The charity charges a fee for attendance at its annual conference. Attendees may apply for a grant from the Richard Skemp Memorial Fund. This Fund was established to provide financial support for prospective PME participants from under-represented countries, or countries in which no financial support is available, in order to allow them to attend the conference.

(b) We realize that travelling (usually flying) to the annual conference increases conference participants' carbon emissions.

(c) The board of trustees gets refunded their hotel stay for the extra nights they have to because of the board meetings before and after the annual conference. They are also provided meals during the board meetings.

The members of the international program committee (IPC) are refunded for their travel expense to the meeting at the conference venue. The president visits the venue twice before the conference and the other IPC members visit the venue once before the conference.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Social investments and clarification of the charity

Classification of charity – Educational

(a) our charity sponsors or undertakes research. Makes grants to individuals.

(b) We provide an annual conference, regional conferences, other scientific activities, lectures, discussion forum, presentations, newsletters.

We help, the mathematics educators (i.e. teachers teaching mathematics, teacher educators) and mathematics education researchers globally.

We bring together researchers and others interested in mathematics education, facilitates exchange of scientific information.

Collaborates with other organisations and projects with which we share a similar purpose and objective.

Grant making

We provide grants to those who sponsor or undertake research.
These can be individuals and groups alike.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution

Date of constitution (originally registered 29 December 2020 - Charity number: 1192932)

Date amended: July 2022

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Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO

9.1 Admission of new members

(a) Eligibility

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in clause 9.3.

A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual or corporate body representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

(b) Admission procedure

The charity trustees:

- (i) may require applications for membership to be made in any reasonable way that they decide.
- (ii) shall, if they approve an application for membership, notify the applicant of their decision within 21 days.
- (iii) may refuse an application for membership if they believe that it is in the best interests of the CIO for them to do so.
- (iv) shall, if they decide to refuse an application for membership, give the applicant their reasons for doing so, within 21 days of the decision being taken, and give the applicant the opportunity to appeal against the refusal.
- (v) shall give fair consideration to any such appeal, and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision to confirm refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

9.2 Transfer of membership

Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else except in the case of an individual or corporate body representing an organisation which is not incorporated, whose membership may be transferred by the unincorporated organisation to a new representative. Such transfer of membership does not take effect until the CIO has received written notification of the transfer.

9.3 Duty of members

It is the duty of each member of the CIO to exercise his or her powers as a member of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

9.4 Termination of membership

(a) Membership of the CIO comes to an end if:

- (i) the member dies, or, in the case of an organisation (or the representative of an organisation) that organisation ceases to exist; or
- (ii) the member sends a notice of resignation to the charity trustees; or
- (iii) any sum of money owed by the member to the CIO is not paid in full within six months of its falling due; or
- (iv) the charity trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the CIO that the member in question should be removed from membership and pass a resolution to that effect.

(b) Before the charity trustees take any decision to remove someone from membership of the CIO they must:

- (i) inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove him, her or it from membership.
- (ii) give the member at least 21 clear day's notice in which to make representations to the charity trustees as to why he, she or it should not be removed from membership.
- (iii) at a duly constituted meeting of the charity trustees, consider whether or not the member should be removed from membership.
- (iv) consider at that meeting any representations which the member makes as to why the member should not be removed; and
- (v) allow the member, or the member's representative, to make those representations in person at that meeting, if the member so chooses.

9.5 Membership fees

The CIO may require members to pay reasonable membership fees to the CIO.

9.6 Informal or associate (non-voting) membership

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(a) The charity trustees may create associate or other classes of non-voting membership and may determine the rights and obligations of any such members (including payment of membership fees), and the conditions for admission to, and termination of membership of any such class of members.

(b) Other references in this constitution to "members" and "membership" do not apply to non-voting members, and non-voting members do not qualify as members for any purpose under the Charities Acts, General Regulations or Dissolution Regulations.

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Decision making and General Meetings of Members

10. MEMBERS' DECISIONS

10.1 General provisions

Except for those decisions that must be taken in a particular way as indicated in clause 10.4, decisions of the members of the CIO may be taken either by vote at a general meeting as provided in clause 10.2 or by written resolution as provided in clause 10.3.

10.2 Taking ordinary decisions by vote

Subject to clause 10.4, any decision of the members of the CIO may be taken by means of a resolution at a general meeting. Such a resolution may be passed by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting including votes cast virtually.

10.3 Taking ordinary decisions by written resolution without a general meeting

(a) Subject to clause 10.4, a resolution in writing agreed by a simple majority of all the members who would have been entitled to vote upon it had it been proposed at a general meeting shall be effective, provided that:

(i) a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent to all the members eligible to vote; and
(ii) a simple majority of members has signified its agreement to the resolution in a document or documents which are received at the principal office within the period of 28 days beginning with the circulation date. The document signifying a member's agreement must be authenticated by their signature (or in the case of an organisation which is a member, by execution according to its usual procedure), by a statement of their identity accompanying the document, or in such other manner as the CIO has specified.

(b) The resolution in writing may comprise several copies to which one or more members has signified their agreement.

(c) Eligibility to vote on the resolution is limited to members who are members of the CIO on the date when the proposal is first circulated in accordance with clause 10.3(a).

(d) Not less than 10% of the members of the CIO may request the charity trustees to make a proposal for decision by the members.

(e) The charity trustees must within 21 days of receiving such a request comply with it if:

(i) the proposal is not frivolous or vexatious, and does not involve the publication of defamatory material;

(ii) the proposal is stated with sufficient clarity to enable effect to be given to it if it is agreed by the members; and

(iii) effect can lawfully be given to the proposal if it is so agreed.

(f) Clause 10.3(a), clause 10.3(b) and clause 10.3(c) apply to a proposal made at the request of members.

10.4 Decisions that must be taken in a particular way

(a) Decisions to appoint trustees at annual general meetings must be taken by positional voting (to be set out in detail by the charity trustees) but this does not affect the power given to the members or the charity trustees in clause 13.1(d) to appoint a new trustee on a temporary basis.

(b) Any decision to remove a trustee must be taken in accordance with clause 15.2.

(c) Any decision to amend this constitution must be taken in accordance with clause 28 of this constitution (Amendment of Constitution).

(d) Any decision to wind up or dissolve the CIO must be taken in accordance with clause 29 of this constitution (Voluntary winding up or dissolution). Any decision to amalgamate or transfer the undertaking of the CIO to one or more other CIOs must be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

11.1 Types of general meeting

There must be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members of the CIO which can be held in person, as a virtual meeting or as a hybrid meeting. The first AGM must be held within 18 months of the registration of the CIO, and subsequent AGMs must be held at intervals of not more than 15 months. The AGM must receive the annual statement of accounts (duly audited or examined where applicable) and the trustees' annual report, and must elect trustees as required under clause 13.

Other general meetings of the members of the CIO may be held at any time in person, as a virtual meeting or as a hybrid meeting.

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Subject to the following provisions a person attending a meeting virtually shall have the same rights to receive notice, speak, vote and otherwise participate in the meeting as he or she would have if attending the meeting in person.

All general meetings must be held in accordance with the following provisions.

11.2 Calling general meetings

(a) The charity trustees:

- (i) must call the annual general meeting of the members of the CIO in accordance with clause 11.1, and identify it as such in the notice of the meeting; and
- (ii) may call any other general meeting of the members at any time.

(b) The charity trustees must, within 21 days, call a general meeting of the members of the CIO if:

- (i) they receive a request to do so from at least 10% of the members of the CIO; and

If, at the time of any such request, there has not been any general meeting of the members of the CIO for more than 12 months, then this sub-clause shall have effect as if 5% were substituted for 10%.

- (ii) the request states the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting and is authenticated by the member(s) making the request.

(c) Any such request may include particulars of a resolution that may properly be proposed, and is intended to be proposed, at the meeting.

(d) A resolution may only properly be proposed if it is lawful, and is not defamatory, frivolous or vexatious.

(e) Any general meeting called by the charity trustees at the request of the members of the CIO must be held within 28 days from the date on which it is called.

(f) If the charity trustees fail to comply with this obligation to call a general meeting at the request of its members, then the members who requested the meeting may themselves call a general meeting.

(g) A general meeting called in this way must be held not more than 3 months after the date when the members first requested the meeting.

(h) The CIO must reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the members calling a general meeting by reason of the failure of the charity trustees to duly call the meeting, but the CIO shall be entitled to be indemnified by the charity trustees who were responsible for such failure.

11.3 Notice of general meetings

(a) The charity trustees, or, as the case may be, the relevant members of the CIO, must give at least 14 clear day's notice of any general meeting to all of the members, and to any charity trustee of the CIO who is not a member.

(b) If it is agreed by not less than 90% of all members of the CIO, any resolution may be proposed and passed at the meeting even though the requirements of the above sub-clause have not been met. This sub-clause does not apply where a specified period of notice is strictly required by another clause in this constitution, by the Charities Act 2011 or by the General Regulations.

(c) The notice of any general meeting must:

- (i) state the time and date of the meeting.
- (ii) state the format of the meeting (in person, virtual or hybrid)
- (iii) give the address and/or the link to the virtual platform or signing in codes at which the meeting is to take place.
- (iv) give particulars of any resolution which is to be moved at the meeting, and of the general nature of any other business to be dealt with at the meeting.
- (v) if a proposal to alter the constitution of the CIO is to be considered at the meeting, include the text of the proposed alteration; and

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(vi) include, with the notice for the AGM, the annual statement of accounts and trustees' annual report, or where allowed under clause 22 (Use of electronic communication), details of where the information may be found on the CIO's website.

(d) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted; or that an electronic form of notice was properly addressed and sent, shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Notice shall be deemed to be given 48 hours after it was posted or sent.

(e) The proceedings of a meeting shall not be invalidated because a member who was entitled to receive notice of the meeting did not receive it because of accidental omission by the CIO.

11.4 Chairing of general meetings

The person elected as president by the members under clause 13.2 (Elected president of the charity trustees), shall, if present at the general meeting and willing to act, preside as chair of the meeting. Subject to that, the members of the CIO who are present at a general meeting shall elect a chair to preside at the meeting.

11.5 Quorum at general meetings

(a) No business may be transacted at any general meeting of the members of the CIO unless a quorum is present when the meeting starts.

(b) Subject to the following provisions, the quorum for general meetings shall be the greater of 4% or three members present and entitled to vote upon the business of the meeting. A person shall be deemed to be present by attending either in person or virtually where arrangements for virtual attendance have been made. An organisation represented by a person present at the meeting in accordance with clause 11.8, is counted as being present.

(c) If the meeting has been called by or at the request of the members and a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the starting time specified in the notice of the meeting, the meeting is closed.

(d) If the meeting has been called in any other way and a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the starting time specified in the notice of the meeting, the chair must adjourn the meeting. The date, time and place at which the meeting will resume must either be announced by the chair or be notified to the CIO's members at least seven clear days before the date on which it will resume.

(e) If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the start time of the adjourned meeting, the member or members present at the meeting constitute a quorum.

(f) If at any time during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting may discuss issues and make recommendations to the trustees but may not make any decisions. If decisions are required which must be made by a meeting of the members, the meeting must be adjourned.

11.6 Voting at general meetings

(a) Any decision other than one falling within clause 10.4 (decisions that must be taken in a particular way) shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting. Every member has one vote unless otherwise provided in the rights of a particular class of membership under this constitution.

(b) A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands or corresponding virtual procedures, unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) a poll is duly demanded. A poll may be demanded by the chair or by at least 10% of the members present at the meeting.

(c) A poll demanded on the election of a person to chair the meeting or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately. A poll on any other matter shall be taken, and the result of the poll shall be announced, in such manner as the chair of the meeting shall decide, provided that the poll must be taken, and the result of the poll announced, within 30 days of the demand for the poll.

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(d) A poll may be taken:

- (i) at the meeting at which it was demanded; or
- (ii) at some other time and place specified by the chair; or
- (iii) through the use of electronic communications.

(e) In the event of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or corresponding virtual procedures or on a poll, the chair of the meeting shall have a second, or casting vote.

(f) Any objection to the qualification of any voter must be raised at the meeting at which the vote is cast and the decision of the chair of the meeting shall be final.

11.7 Electronic Voting

(a) The charity trustees may determine that the members shall vote online to elect charity trustees or to make a decision on any matter that is being decided at a general meeting of the members.

(b) Where online voting is deciding a matter, the trustees must send to members of the CIO, not less than 14 days before the deadline for receipt of votes, a notice by email, if the member has agreed to receive notices in this way under clause 22 (Use of electronic communications), including an explanation of the purpose of the vote and the means by which the member may vote online namely the details and procedure to be followed by the member. The online voting platform should contain details of the resolution being put to a vote, or of the candidates for election, as applicable.

(c) Online voting must be conducted on an online platform based on the following principles:

- (i) The voters' information and the votes are kept separated (anonymous vote).
- (ii) Only members get access to vote.
- (iii) Every member can vote only once.
- (iv) Votes can be independently verified if needed.

(d) The voting procedure must specify the closing date and time for receipt of votes and must state that any votes received after the closing date or not complying with the voting procedure will be invalid and not be counted.

(e) Any dispute about the conduct of an online vote must be referred initially to a panel set up by the charity trustees, to consist of two trustees and two persons independent of the CIO. If the dispute cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the panel, it must be referred to the Electoral Reform Services

11.8 Representation of organisations and corporate members

An organisation or a corporate body that is a member of the CIO may, in accordance with its usual decision-making process, authorise a person to act as its representative at any general meeting of the CIO.

The representative is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the organisation or corporate body as the organisation or corporate body could exercise as an individual member of the CIO.

11.9 Adjournment of meetings

The chair may with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting to another time and/or place. No business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting except business which could properly have been transacted at the original meeting.

12. CHARITY TRUSTEES

12.1 Functions and duties of charity trustees

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. It is the duty of each charity trustee:

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(a) to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and

(b) to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:

(i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and

(ii) if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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Induction and training of new trustees

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- (b) to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
 - (i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and
 - (ii) if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

12.2 Eligibility for trusteeship

- (a) No one may be appointed as a charity trustee:
 - (i) if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or
 - (ii) if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions outlined in clause 15.1(f).
- (b) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.
- (c) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

12.3 Number of charity trustees

- (a) There must be at least 5 charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.
- (b) There must be at least one trustee that is a UK resident. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to appoint a new charity trustee who is a UK resident.
- (c) No more than three charity trustees from the same country shall be charity trustees at any one time.
- (d) There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO.

12.4 First charity trustees

The first charity trustees of the CIO are:

Markku Hannula
Yasmine Abtahi (Yasaman Abtahi)
Judy Anderson
Richard Barwell
Arindam Bose
Tracy Helliwell
Yiming Cao
Ceneida Fernández (Ceneida Fernández Verdú)
Man Ching Esther Chan
Anika Dreher
Anthony Essien
Einat Heyd-Metzuyanin
Jodie Hunter
Maitree Inprasitha
Maria Mellone
Miguel Ribeiro (Carlos Miguel da Silva Ribeiro)
Lovisa Sumpter

The first president of the charity trustees is (see 13.2(a) below):

Markku Hannula

13. APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

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13.1 Retirement by Rotation

- (a) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-fourth of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not four or a multiple of four, then the number nearest to one-fourth shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire.
- (b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
- (c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting in accordance with clause 10.4(a); any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in clause 13.1(d).
- (d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees) or as an additional charity trustee.
- (e) A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

13.2 President Elect and President of the charity trustees

There shall be one President of the charity trustees, first appointed in clause 12.4 above and thereafter elected in accordance with the provisions following:

- (a) At every third annual general meeting (beginning in 2021) of the members of the CIO, the position of President-Elect may be filled by the decision of the members taken in accordance with clause 10.2.
- (b) The president-elect will become the president and a charity trustee at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.
- (c) A candidate for President-Elect must:
 - (i) be a member of the CIO at the time of election.
 - (ii) have served as a charity trustee or a Former IGPME International Committee member [as specified in the Bye Laws] previously.
 - (iii) not currently be, or have been, the President; this includes also past Presidents of the Former IGPME [as specified in the Bye Laws];
 - (iv) not be in violation of clause 12.3(c)
- (d) The President-Elect shall remain a member of the CIO and at every third annual general meeting (beginning in 2022) of the members of the CIO, the President of the charity trustees shall retire, and the President-Elect shall assume the role of President of the charity trustees and hence become a trustee. If, at this time, the position of President-Elect is vacant, then the position of President will be filled by the decision of the members taken in accordance with clause 10.2

13.3 The roles and duties of the President and President-Elect and such other charity trustee officers as the charity trustees shall deem appropriate shall be set out in detail in Byelaws to be agreed by the members from time to time.

14. INFORMATION FOR NEW CHARITY TRUSTEES

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and
- (b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

15. RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

15.1 A charity trustee ceases to hold office if he or she:

- (a) Retires by notifying the CIO in writing (but only if enough charity trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings).
- (b) Is absent without the permission of the charity trustees from all their meetings held within a period of twelve months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated.
- (c) Dies.
- (d) In the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months.
- (e) Is removed by the members of the CIO in accordance with clause 15.2.

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(f) Is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of section 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

15.2 A charity trustee shall be removed from office if a resolution to remove that trustee is proposed at a general meeting of the members called for that purpose and properly convened in accordance with clause 11, and the resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the meeting.

15.3 A resolution to remove a charity trustee in accordance with clause 15.2 shall not take effect unless the individual concerned has been given at least 14 clear days' notice in writing that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify removal from office, and has been given a reasonable opportunity of making oral and/or written representations to the members of the CIO.

16. REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment. A charity trustee who has served for two consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a third consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least five years.

17. TAKING OF DECISIONS BY CHARITY TRUSTEES

Any decision may be taken either:

- (a) At a meeting of the charity trustees; or
- (b) By resolution in writing or electronic form agreed by a majority of all of the charity trustees, which may comprise either a single document or several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to which the majority of all of the charity trustees has signified their agreement. Such a resolution shall be effective provided that:
 - (i) a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent, at or as near as reasonably practicable to the same time, to all of the charity trustees; and
 - (ii) the majority of all of the charity trustees has signified agreement to the resolution in a document or documents which has or have been authenticated by their signature, by a statement of their identity accompanying the document or documents, or in such other manner as the charity trustees have previously resolved, and delivered to the CIO at its principal office or such other place as the trustees may resolve within 14 days of the circulation date.

18. DELEGATION BY CHARITY TRUSTEES

18.1 The charity trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees, and, if they do, they must determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made. The charity trustees may at any time alter those terms and conditions or revoke the delegation.

18.2 This power is in addition to the power of delegation in the General Regulations and any other power of delegation available to the charity trustees, but is subject to the following requirements:

- (a) a committee may consist of two or more persons, but at least one member of each committee must be a charity trustee.
- (b) the acts and proceedings of any committee must be brought to the attention of the charity trustees as a whole as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- (c) the charity trustees shall from time to time review the arrangements which they have made for the delegation of their powers.

19. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

19.1 Calling meetings

- (a) Any charity trustee may call a meeting of the charity trustees.
- (b) Subject to that, the charity trustees shall decide how their meetings are to be called, and what notice is required.

19.2 Chairing of meetings

The President of the charity trustees as elected according to clause 13.2 (President-Elect and President of the charity trustees) shall chair the meetings of the charity trustees. If the President is not present within 10 minutes after the time of the meeting, the charity trustees present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

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19.3 Procedure at meetings

- (a) No decision shall be taken at a meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the decision is taken. The quorum is two charity trustees, or the number nearest to one third of the total number of charity trustees, whichever is greater, or such larger number as the charity trustees may decide from time to time. A charity trustee shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which he or she is not entitled to vote.
- (b) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of those eligible to vote.
- (c) In the case of an equality of votes, the chair shall have a second or casting vote.

19.4 Participation in meetings by electronic means

- (a) A meeting may be held as a hybrid meeting or by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.
- (b) Any charity trustee participating at a meeting by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants shall qualify as being present at the meeting.
- (c) Meetings held by electronic means must comply with rules for meetings, including chairing and the taking of minutes.

20. SAVING PROVISIONS

20.1 Subject to clause 20.2, all decisions of the charity trustees, or of a committee of charity trustees, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a charity trustee:

- (a) who was disqualified from holding office.
 - (b) who had previously retired or who had been obliged by the constitution to vacate office.
 - (c) who was not entitled to vote on the matter, whether by reason of a conflict of interest or otherwise.
- If, without the vote of that charity trustee and that charity trustee being counted in the quorum, the decision has been made by a majority of the charity trustees at a quorate meeting.

20.2 Clause 20.1 does not permit a charity trustee to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the charity trustees or of a committee of charity trustees if, but for Clause 20.1, the resolution would have been void, or if the charity trustee has not complied with clause 7 (Conflicts of interest).

21. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

21.1 The CIO shall execute documents either by signature or by affixing its seal (if it has one).

21.2 A document is validly executed by signature if it is signed by at least two of the charity trustees.

21.3 If the CIO has a seal:

- (a) It must comply with the provisions of the General Regulations;
- (b) It must only be used by the authority of the charity trustees or of a committee of charity trustees duly authorised by the charity trustees. The charity trustees may determine who shall sign any document to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise determined it shall be signed by two charity trustees.

22. USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

22.1 General

The CIO will comply with the requirements of the Communications Provisions in the General Regulations and in particular:

- (a) the requirement to provide within 21 days to any member on request a hard copy of any document or information sent to the member otherwise than in hard copy form.
- (b) any requirements to provide information to the Commission in a particular form or manner.

22.2 Use of electronic communications

(a) To the CIO

Any member or charity trustee of the CIO may communicate electronically with the CIO to an address specified by the CIO for the purpose, so long as the communication is authenticated in a manner which is satisfactory to the CIO.

(b) By the CIO

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- (i) Any member or charity trustee of the CIO, by providing the CIO with his or her email address or similar, is taken to have agreed to receive communications from the CIO in electronic form at that address, unless the member has indicated to the CIO his or her unwillingness to receive such communications in that form.
- (ii) The charity trustees may, subject to compliance with any legal requirements, by means of publication on its website:
 - (A) Provide the members with the notice referred to in clause 11.3 (Notice of general meetings).
 - (B) Give charity trustees notice of their meetings in accordance with clause 19.1 (Calling meetings).
 - (C) Submit any proposal to the members or charity trustees for decision by written resolution or online vote in accordance with the CIO's powers under clause 10 (Members' decisions), clause 10.3. (Decisions taken by resolution in writing), or clause 11.7 (Electronic voting).
- (c) The charity trustees must:
 - (i) Take reasonable steps to ensure that members and charity trustees are promptly notified of the publication of any such notice or proposal.
 - (ii) Send any such notice or proposal in hard copy form to any member or charity trustee who has not consented to receive communications in electronic form.

23. KEEPING OF REGISTERS

The CIO must comply with its obligations under the General Regulations in relation to the keeping of, and provision of access to, registers of its members and charity trustees.

24. MINUTES

The charity trustees must keep minutes of all:

- (a) appointments of officers made by the charity trustees.
- (b) proceedings at general meetings of the CIO.
- (c) meetings of the charity trustees and committees of charity trustees including:
 - (i) the names of the trustees present at the meeting without distinction between those who attended in person and those who attended virtually.
 - (ii) the decisions made at the meetings; and
 - (iii) where appropriate the reasons for the decisions.
- (d) decisions made by the charity trustees otherwise than in meetings.

25. ACCOUNTING RECORDS, ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL REPORTS AND RETURNS, REGISTER MAINTENANCE

25.1 The charity trustees must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of accounts, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns. The statements of accounts, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

25.2 The charity trustees must comply with their obligation to inform the Commission within 28 days of any change in the particulars of the CIO entered on the Central Register of Charities.

26. RULES

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or bye laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

27. DISPUTES

If a dispute arises between members of the CIO about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members under this constitution, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

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Wider network & Amendment of Constitution

28. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

As provided by clauses 224-227 of the Charities Act 2011:

(a) This constitution can only be amended:

(i) by resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO; or

(ii) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of votes cast at a general meeting of the members of the CIO.

(b) Any alteration of clause 3 (Objects), clause 29 (Voluntary winding up or dissolution), this clause, or of any provision where the alteration would provide authorisation for any benefit to be obtained by charity trustees or members of the CIO or persons connected with them, requires the prior written consent of the Charity Commission.

(c) No amendment that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 or the General Regulations shall be valid.

(d) A copy of any resolution altering the constitution, together with a copy of the CIO's constitution as amended, must be sent to the Commission within 15 days from the date on which the resolution is passed. The amendment does not take effect until it has been recorded in the Register of Charities.

29. VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

29.1 As provided by the Dissolution Regulations, the CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

(a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 11 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

(i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or

(ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

(b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

29.2 Subject to the payment of all the CIO's debts:

(a) Any resolution for the winding up of the CIO, or for the dissolution of the CIO without winding up, may contain a provision directing how any remaining assets of the CIO shall be applied.

(b) If the resolution does not contain such a provision, the charity trustees must decide how any remaining assets of the CIO shall be applied.

(c) In either case the remaining assets must be applied for charitable purposes the same as or similar to those of the CIO.

29.3 The CIO must observe the requirements of the Dissolution Regulations in applying to the Commission for the CIO to be removed from the Register of Charities, and in particular:

(a) the charity trustees must send with their application to the Commission:

(i) a copy of the resolution passed by the members of the CIO;

(ii) a declaration by the charity trustees that any debts and other liabilities of the CIO have been settled or otherwise provided for in full; and

(iii) a statement by the charity trustees setting out the way in which any property of the CIO has been or is to be applied prior to its dissolution in accordance with this constitution.

(b) the charity trustees must ensure that a copy of the application is sent within seven days to every member and employee of the CIO, and to any charity trustee of the CIO who was not privy to the application.

29.4 If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

30. INTERPRETATION

In this constitution:

"Connected person" means:

(a) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the charity trustee;

(b) the spouse or civil partner of the charity trustee or of any person falling within clause 30(a) above;

(c) a person carrying on business in partnership with the charity trustee or with any person falling within clause 30(a) or clause 30(b) above;

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(d) an institution which is controlled:

(i) by the charity trustee or any connected person falling within clause 30(a), clause 30(b) or clause 30(c) above; or
(ii) by two or more persons falling within clause 30(d)(i), when taken together;

(e) a body corporate in which:

(i) the charity trustee or any connected person falling within clause 30(a) to clause 30(c) has a substantial interest; or
(ii) two or more persons falling within clause 30(e)(i) who, when taken together, have a substantial interest.

Section 118 of the Charities Act 2011 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this constitution.

"General Regulations" means the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

"Dissolution Regulations" means the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Insolvency and Dissolution) Regulations 2012.

The "Communications Provisions" means the Communications Provisions in [Part 10, Chapter 4] of the General Regulations.

"Charity trustee" means a charity trustee of the CIO.

A "poll" means a counted vote or ballot, usually (but not necessarily) in writing.

"The Former IGPME" means The International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education (abbreviated to PME) being a group of researchers first established in 1976 at the International Congress on Mathematics Education, whose Constitution as an unincorporated organisation was adopted by its Annual General Meeting on the 17th August 1980, changed by the Annual General Meetings on the 24th of July 1987, on 10th of August 1992, on the 2nd of August 1994, on the 18th of July 1997, on the 14th of July 2005, and on the 21st of July 2012, and which is succeeded by this CIO."

"Hybrid meeting" means a meeting of members of the charity or a meeting of the charity trustees at which some participants are attending the meeting in person and others are attending virtually

"Virtual meeting" means a meeting of members of the charity or a meeting of the charity trustees where arrangements have been made in advance to allow participants to attend the meeting by means of a conference telephone, video link or similar means of electronic communication at which all participants can be heard and can hear each other without the need for them to be physically present at the same location. A person participating in a meeting by such means shall be deemed to be attending virtually.

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Related parties

6. BENEFITS AND PAYMENTS TO CHARITY TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

6.1 General provisions

No charity trustee or connected person may:

- (a) buy or receive any goods or services from the CIO on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- (b) sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the CIO;
- (c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the CIO;
- (d) receive any other financial benefit from the CIO;

unless the payment or benefit is permitted by clause 6.2, or authorised by the court or the prior written consent of the Charity Commission ("the Commission") has been obtained. In this clause, a "financial benefit" means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

6.2 Scope and powers permitting trustees' or connected persons' benefits

- (a) A charity trustee or connected person may receive a benefit from the CIO as a beneficiary provided that it is available generally to the beneficiaries of the CIO.
- (b) A charity trustee or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.
- (c) Subject to clause 6.3 a charity trustee or connected person may provide the CIO with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the CIO by the charity trustee or connected person.
- (d) A charity trustee or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the trustee or connected person to the CIO. The amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The charity trustee concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion.
- (e) A charity trustee or connected person may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the CIO on the same terms as members of the public.

6.3 Payment for supply of goods only - controls

The CIO and its charity trustees may only rely upon the authority provided by clause 6.2(c) if each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in a written agreement between the CIO and the charity trustee or connected person supplying the goods ("the supplier").
- (b) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods does not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances for the supply of the goods in question.
- (c) The other charity trustees are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the CIO to contract with the supplier rather than with someone who is not a charity trustee or connected person. In reaching that decision the charity trustees must balance the advantage of contracting with a charity trustee or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so.
- (d) The supplier is absent from the part of any meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or it with regard to the supply of goods to the CIO.
- (e) The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of charity trustees is present at the meeting.
- (f) The reason for their decision is recorded by the charity trustees in the minute book.
- (g) A majority of the charity trustees then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by clause 6.(Benefits)

6.4 In clause .2 and clause .3:

- (a) "The CIO" includes any company in which the CIO:
 - (i) holds more than 50% of the shares; or
 - (ii) controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or
 - (iii) has the right to appoint one or more directors to the board of the company.
- (b) "Connected person" includes any person within the definition set out in clause 30 (Interpretation)

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7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF LOYALTY

7.1 A charity trustee must:

- (a) declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the CIO or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the CIO which has not previously been declared; and
- (b) absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the CIO and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest).

7.2 Any charity trustee absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with clause 7.1 must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the charity trustees on the matter.

8. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ASSETS OF THE CIO IF IT IS WOUND UP

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

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Registered Charity number

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**International Group for the Psychology
of Mathematics Education**

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Trustees

Dr C Fernandez Verdu - Associate Professor (resigned 20.7.23)
Dr Y Abtahi - University Professor (resigned 20.7.23)
Dr A Bose - Associate Professor (resigned 20.7.23)
Dr J M R Hunter - Associate Professor (Secretary, resigned 20.7.23)
Dr T J Helliwell - Senior Lecturer (Treasurer, resigned 20.7.24)
Dr B H Choy - Assistant Professor
Ms M H Johansson - Senior Lecturer – Secretary
Prof C Andra - Associate Professor
Dr K Komatsu - Associate Professor
Dr C M Krause - Assistant Professor
Mrs M Ayalon Senior University Lecturer
Dr D C Sommerhoff - University Professor
Dr W Van Dooren Professor / President from 22.7.22
Prof W T Seah – Professor (appointed 22.7.22)
A R Strohmaier - Research Assistant (appointed 22.7.22)
Dr N Hodkowski - Mathematics Education Researcher (appointed 22.7.22)
Dr N A Roberts - University Professor (appointed 22.7.22)
Dr S B Chorney – Associate Professor (appointed 20.7.23)
Dr T Wang – Professor (appointed 20.7.23)
Dr J M Gonzalez Forte – Assistant Professor (appointed 20.7.23)
Dr J J Ingram – Professor – Treasurer (appointed 20.7.23)
Dr H L Johnson – Professor (appointed 20.7.24)
Dr H J Krzywacki – University Lecturer (appointed 20.7.24)
Dr F Saadati – Assistant Professor (appointed 20.7.24)
Dr O Marmur – Senior Lecturer (appointed 20.7.24)

Charity Secretary

Ms M H Johansson

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

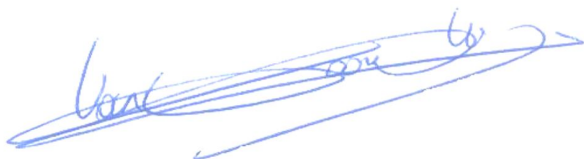
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr W Van Dooren - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
International Group for the Psychology
of Mathematics Education**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Psychology of Mathematics Education (Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

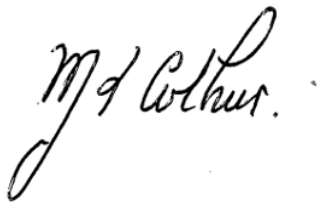
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**International Group for the Psychology
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

				Year Ended 31.12.23 Total funds £	Year Ended 31.12.22 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		21,318	5,242	26,560	33906
Other trading activities	2	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>
Total		<u>21,339</u>	<u>5,242</u>	<u>26,581</u>	<u>33,942</u>
INCOME FROM					
Charitable activities					
Conference ref fees		155,261	0	155,261	139,916
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Conference Planning Costs		<u>195,319</u>	<u>17,610</u>	<u>212,929</u>	<u>111,053</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(18,719)	(12,368)	(31,087)	62,805
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>124,177</u>	<u>12,642</u>	<u>136,819</u>	<u>74,014</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>105,458</u></u>	<u><u>274</u></u>	<u><u>105,732</u></u>	<u><u>136,819</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		78,792	11760	90,732	64,612
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	9391	5609	15,000	72,207
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>88,363</u>	<u>17,369</u>	<u>105,732</u>	<u>136,819</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>88,362</u>	<u>17,369</u>	<u>105,732</u>	<u>136,819</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>88,362</u></u>	<u><u>17,369</u></u>	<u><u>105,732</u></u>	<u><u>136,819</u></u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				88,363	124,177
Restricted funds				<u>17,369</u>	<u>12,642</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>105,732</u></u>	<u><u>136,819</u></u>

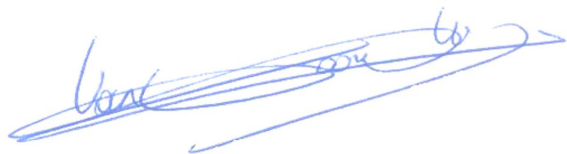
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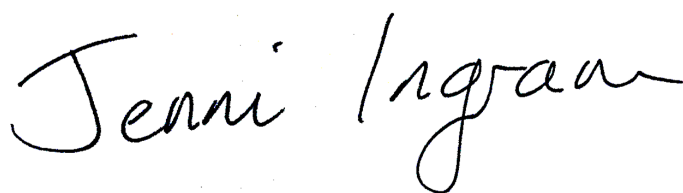
**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2023**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



W Van Dooren - Trustee



J J Ingram - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Recognition of income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore, it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.12.23 £	Year Ended 31.12.22 £
Royalties	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the period ended 31 December 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	27,563	6,342	33,905
Other trading activities	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	<u>27,599</u>	<u>6,342</u>	<u>33,941</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Conference Planning Costs	<u>101,490</u>	<u>9,563</u>	<u>111,053</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(73,891)	(3,221)	(77,112)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	58,151	15,863	74,014
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>(15,740)</u>	<u>12,642</u>	<u>(3,098)</u>

5. FUNDS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 6)	0	100
Accruals and deferred income	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(72,307)</u>
	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(72,207)</u>

6. FUNDS OVERDRAWN

An analysis of the maturity of funds overdrawn is given below:

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,428	(31,591)	(22,163)
Conference Fund	<u>114,749</u>	<u>(4,223)</u>	<u>110,526</u>
	124,177	(35,814)	88,363
Restricted funds			
Skemp Donations	5,868	8,391	14,259
Fund Africa Continent	<u>6,774</u>	<u>(3,665)</u>	<u>3,109</u>
	<u>12,642</u>	<u>4,726</u>	<u>17,368</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>136,819</u></u>	<u><u>(31,088)</u></u>	<u><u>105,731</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,244	(35,835)	(31,591)
Conference Fund	<u>155,261</u>	<u>(159,484)</u>	<u>(4,223)</u>
	159,505	(195,319)	(35,814)
Restricted funds			
Skemp Donations	22,337	(13,946)	8,391
Fund Africa Continent	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,665)</u>	<u>(3,665)</u>
	<u>22,337</u>	<u>(17,611)</u>	<u>4,726</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>181,842</u></u>	<u><u>(212,930)</u></u>	<u><u>(31,088)</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	15,136	9,428
Conference Fund	<u>50,890</u>	<u>114,749</u>
	66,026	124,177
Restricted funds		
Skemp Donations	907	5,868
Fund Africa Continent	<u>(4,128)</u>	<u>6,774</u>
	<u>(3,221)</u>	<u>12,642</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>62,805</u></u>	<u><u>136,819</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,599	(12,463)	15,136
Conference Fund	<u>139,917</u>	<u>(89,027)</u>	<u>50,890</u>
	167,516	(101,490)	66,026
Restricted funds			
Skemp Donations	6,342	(5,435)	907
Fund Africa Continent	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,128)</u>	<u>(4,128)</u>
	<u>6,342</u>	<u>(9,563)</u>	<u>(3,221)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>173,858</u></u>	<u><u>(111,053)</u></u>	<u><u>62,805</u></u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Year Ended 31.12.23 £	Year Ended 31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations received inc Skemp	5,242	6,343
Membership Subscriptions	<u>21,318</u>	<u>27,563</u>
	26,560	33,906
Other trading activities		
Royalties	21	36
Charitable activities		
Conference registration fees	155,261	139,916
Conference Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	155,261	139,916
Total incoming resources	181,842	173,858
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
IC Meetings costs	8,977	3,266
Grants to institutions	<u>17,477</u>	<u>9,563</u>
	26,454	12,829
Support costs		
Management		
Conference costs	178,602	86,077
Advertising & website updates	0	1,422
Sundries	<u>0</u>	<u>262</u>
	178,602	87,761
Finance		
Exchange rates and charges	941	2,986
Information technology		
Online conference facilities	-	-
Governance costs		
Honorarium - Administrator	5,493	2,427
Postage and stationery	-	-
Carried forward	5,493	2,427

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	Year Ended 31.12.23 £	Year Ended 31.12.22 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	5,493	2,427
Accountancy fees	1,440	1,440
Legal fees	<u>0</u>	<u>3,610</u>
	<u>6,933</u>	<u>7,477</u>
Total resources expended	<u>212,930</u>	<u>111,053</u>
Net income	<u><u>31,088</u></u>	<u><u>62,805</u></u>