

## THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MATHEMATICIANS

Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.  
August 30–September 6, 1950

As already announced in the July, 1948, issue of this Bulletin, an International Congress of Mathematicians will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1950 under the auspices of the American Mathematical Society. The Society originally planned to act as host for a Congress in September, 1940, which was also scheduled to meet in Cambridge. Plans for the 1940 Congress were practically completed when the outbreak of World War II in September, 1939, made it necessary for the Society to postpone the Congress to a more favorable date.

The 1950 Congress will be the third International Congress of Mathematicians to be held on the continent of North America. The first was held at Northwestern University in 1893 and the second at the University of Toronto in 1924. International Congresses were held at intervals of approximately four years, except when war intervened, until 1936. There has been no international gathering of mathematicians since that time and it is the sincere hope of the Organizing Committee that the gathering in 1950 will be a truly international one, that American mathematicians will attend in large numbers, and that all other countries will be well represented. The Council of the American Mathematical Society has voted unanimously to hold a Congress to which mathematicians of all national and geographical groups will be invited.

*Time and Place.* The dates for the Congress have been fixed as August 30–September 6, 1950. Harvard University will be the principal host institution. A number of other institutions in metropolitan Boston will join in the entertainment of Congress visitors by arranging special features on their campuses. Mathematicians so desiring will be housed at a modest charge in the Harvard University dormitories and meals will be served in the University dining rooms. There will be accommodations for members of families, special provision being made for the care of children. Those who prefer to live in hotels can be comfortably provided for in Cambridge or Boston.

*Organization.* The Organizing Committee has invited more than a score of outstanding mathematicians to deliver stated addresses. There will be Conferences in four different fields; these are more fully described below. There will be seven Sections for the presentation of short contributed papers and by invitation of the Section Chairmen