
IMU General Assembly
Santiago de Compostela, Spain
August 19–20, 2006

www.usc.es/imu2006

¹ The 15th General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union will be held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain in August 19–20, 2006. The Spanish mathematical community is proud to host the Assembly for the first time in its history. This booklet contains useful information about the Assembly, including instructions for registration, information about accommodation possibilities and several aspects of the social programme.

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please call the hotel reception, at the Assembly venue,
to contact the local organizing committee.
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The General Assembly of the International Mathematical Union consists of delegates appointed by the Adhering Organizations, together with the members of the Executive Committee. The General Assembly normally meets once in four years, usually at a place and date close to the International Congress of Mathematicians. See the IMU web page www.mathunion.org.

1 Important dates

January 15, 2006	Deadline for registration of delegates through IMU
March 31, 2006	Deadline for apply to financial support of the accommodation
July 15, 2006	Deadline for accommodation reservation
August 19–20, 2006	IMU General Assembly in Santiago de Compostela
August 21, 2006	Bus transfer to ICM2006 - Madrid

2 Location of the Assembly

The Assembly will be held at:
Hotel Puerta del Camino,
c/ Miguel Ferro Caaveiro, s/n.
15703 - Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
<http://www.puertadelcamino.com>
Phone +34 981 569 400, Telefax +34 981 572 627.
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The Assembly venue is located in the north of Santiago de Compostela, very near from the AP-9 highway, 10 km (6 miles) away from Lavacolla airport and 4 km (2.5 miles) far from the historical center of the town.

Technical office

VIAJES ATLÁNTICO has been appointed by the Organizing Committee to handle registration, reservation of accommodation and touristic tours for Assembly delegates. Please send all correspondence to:



Figure 1: Hotel location

VIAJES ATLÁNTICO, Senra 7-9, 2A. 15702 - Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Phone: +34 981 569 040, Telefax: +34 981 569 042.

e-mail: incoming@atlanticocongresos.com

All mail, telegrams, and faxes for people attending the Assembly should be addressed there too.

3 Registration

Delegates should contact with their respective Mathematical Societies or National organizations. They will send through IMU to the Assembly organizers the names of the participants. The deadline is January 30, 2006.

For organizational convenience, the delegates must fill in the accommodation form in the webpage www.usc.es/imu2006 before July 15, 2006.

Upon arrival, delegates should contact the General Assembly Secretariat. There are no registration fees.

Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Assembly will be opened at the Assembly venue (Hotel Puerta del Camino) on:

- Friday, August 18 (16:00-22:00),
- Saturday, August 19 (08:00-19:00),
- Sunday, August 20 (08:00-18:00).

An e-mail service will be available to Assembly participants.

4 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Adapted by the Executive Committee

- **Friday, August 18:**

Arrival of delegates and other participants to Santiago de Compostela

16:00-22:00 Presentation at the Secretariat

First meeting of the Executive Committee of IMU

(Hotel Puerta del Camino)

- **Saturday, August 19:**

09:00 Opening of the General Assembly

First Session

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 First Session (continued)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Second Session

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Second session (continued)

18:30 Closure of the Second Session

19:15 Departure of buses for a guided visit to the old town of Santiago de Compostela

19:30 Guided visit to the old town

No dinner provided by the local organizing committee, dinner on your own

21:00 Departure of 1st. bus coming back to the hotels

22:00 Departure of 2nd. bus coming back to the hotels

23:00 Departure of 3rd. bus coming back to the hotels

- **Sunday, August 20:**

08:30 Subcommittee Sessions

09:30 Third Session of the General Assembly

11:30 Coffee Break
12:00 Third Session (continued)
13:30 Lunch
14:30 Fourth Session
16:30 Closure of the General Assembly

18:00 Departure of buses to social events
Fonseca Palace, concert, cocktail and dinner
18:30 Visit to "America Library" in Fonseca Palace
19:30 Concert in Fonseca Palace
21:00 Cocktail in Reyes Católicos Palace
21:30 Gala Dinner in Reyes Católicos Palace
00:30 Departure of buses coming back to the hotels

• **Monday, August 21:**

Delegates leave Santiago to ICM2006 (Madrid)

08:30 Departure of bus transfer to ICM 2006 (Madrid)
13:30 Lunch in Parador de Tordesillas (Tordesillas, Valladolid)
17:30 Arrival and registration to ICM 2006
(Palacio Municipal de Congresos, Madrid)
Transportation to hotels in Madrid is not provided by the local organizing committee of the General Assembly

5 Travel

Santiago de Compostela is located in the Northwest of Spain. It can be reached by airplane, train, bus or car. Detailed information to help participants to prepare their travel arrangements appears below. Information about transportation services can be found at

www.santiagoturismo.com/llegar/.

By Plane

The international Lavacolla Airport is 10 km (6 miles) away from the city of Santiago (15 min. by car). Airport information phone: +34 981 597 400.

The airlines operating out of Lavacolla Airport are Iberia, Air Europa, Spanair, Air France, British Airways, Ryan Air and Air Berlin. There are direct connections with Barcelona, Madrid and other Spanish cities, as well as with London, Paris and other European capitals.

The webpage www.aena.es offers information on airports in Spain as well as flight information and schedules.

Other airports near Santiago are A Coruña (60 km / 37 miles), Vigo (90 km / 56 miles) and Porto (230 km / 143 miles).

Airport Taxi The best way to get the airport is by taxi. In the airport, the taxi stop is located just in front of the exit doors. Approximate cost Airport- City: 15 euros.

Taxis are also available by calling the following phone numbers:

Airport Taxi Stand: 981 591 575.

Radio-Taxi: 981 569 292.

Bus On Friday August 18 and Monday August 21 there will be a bus service offered by the organization connecting the airport to the Hotel.

Airport Bus There is a regular Bus Service connecting the City to the Airport with various intermediate stops. Approximate cost: 1.25 euros.

The nearest stop to the Assembly venue is San Lázaro.

City–Airport Itinerary: Doutor Teixeira–Avenida de Lugo–Bus Station–San Lázaro–Airport.

Airport–City Itinerary: Airport–San Lázaro– Bus Station –Avenida de Lugo–Doutor Teixeira.

Airport bus. Approximate timetable

Departures from Airport to City:

07:15 Daily except Sunday,	08:30 Daily except Sunday,
09:30 Monday to Friday (working days),	10:30 Daily,
11:00 Monday to Saturday (working days),	11:45 Monday to Friday (working days),
12:40 Daily,	13:30 Daily,
14:50 Monday to Friday (working days),	15:15 Monday to Friday (working days),
15:20 Monday to Friday (working days),	16:00 Daily,
17:00 Monday to Friday (working days)	18:00 Daily,
18:40 Daily,	20:45 Daily,
21:00 Daily except Saturday,	22:00 Daily,
23:00 Daily except Saturday.	

Departures (in transit) from San Lázaro stop to the Airport:

06:50 Daily except Sunday,	07:00 Daily,
07:55 Daily except Sunday,	09:10 Daily,
09:15 Monday to Friday (working days),	10:10 Monday to Friday (working days),
11:00 Daily,	11:10 Monday to Friday (working days),
12:40 Daily,	12:45 Monday to Saturday (working days),
13:30 Monday to Saturday (working days),	14:10 Monday to Friday (working days),
16:00 Daily,	16:40 Daily,
17:40 Monday to Friday (working days),	18:00 Monday to Saturday (working days),
18:30 Daily,	19:00 Daily,
19:55 Daily, 20:00 Daily except Saturday,	21:00 Friday (Oct-Jun),
21:35 Daily,	22:35 Daily except Saturday

Car rental There are car rental agencies at the airport: Atesa, Avis, Europcar and Hertz.

By Train

The train station is located in the town center, 4 km (2.5 miles) away from the Assembly venue. There are long-distance routes with direct daily trains linking up with Madrid (TALGO and Expreso) and Hendaye, France. Changing train once, there is a daily service to Barcelona as well as nearly all of Spain's main cities. Every hour there are trains to main regional destinations. Railways in Spain are run by the state company RENFE (phone: +34 902 240 202). Train schedules can be seen at www.renfe.es/.

Bus and Car

The Atlantic Motorway AP-9 links Santiago de Compostela with the Portuguese border. The Northwest Dual Carriageway A-6 connects Galicia with the rest of Spain.

Distances from Santiago de Compostela

Madrid	599 km	372 miles
Barcelona	1094 km	680 miles
Salamanca	424 km	263 miles
Toledo	681 km	423 miles
Ávila	539 km	335 miles
León	325 km	202 miles
Lisbon	550 km	342 miles

Buses are generally the cheapest form of transport in Spain. The Central Bus Station is located at San Caetano, 2 km away from the Assembly venue. There are long-distance companies as Enatcar Internacional (phone :+34 902 422 242, webpage www.alsa.es) and Socitransa (www.socitransa.com) with connections to Madrid as well as to Portugal, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Romania and Switzerland.

Transfer to Madrid

A transfer to Madrid by bus for the delegates and accompanying persons will be organized. A stop for lunch is foreseen at a touristic place (*Parador de Tordesillas*, Tordesillas, Valladolid). The travel and lunch will be free of charge for delegates. Accompanying persons should pay 60 euros.

Bus departure will be from the Assembly venue at Hotel Puerta del Camino, Monday, August 21, at 8:30 am. Arrival to the ICM registration office in Madrid is expected at 5.30 pm.

6 Accommodation

Hotel reservation: www.usc.es/imu2006

The hotel reservation should be made through the accommodation form in the web-page www.usc.es/imu2006 before July 15, 2006.

Hotel rates The prices are per room and per night and include breakfast and taxes.

HOTEL	Category	Double room	Single room
Hotel Puerta del Camino (Assembly venue)	*****	155.96 Euros	117.70 Euros
Hotel Tryp San Lázaro (walking distance)	****	143.38 Euros	117.70 Euros

Support to participants

The organization has reserved a limited number of rooms for participants who may be unable to obtain financial support for the accommodation offered above. In such cases, please send an e-mail to amnieto@usc.es by March 31, 2006. Priority will be given to countries with a smaller GDP per capita. At most one delegate per country can get support.

7 Social programme

Activities for delegates and accompanying persons

- Guided Tour (Saturday 19, 19:30) A guided tour for a panoramic visit of main Santiago sights will be organized.

19:15 Departure of buses from the Hotel Puerta del Camino

19:30 Guided visit to the old town

No dinner provided by the local organizing committee, dinner on your own

21:00, 22:00 and 23:00 Departures of buses coming back to the hotels

- Concert in Fonseca Palace (Sunday 20, 19:30)

The group of ancient music *Martin Codax* will offer a Concert in the beautiful *Pazo de Fonseca*, the oldest building of the University, nearby the Cathedral.

A bus service from the Hotel is scheduled at 18:00 h. Buses will come back to the Hotels at the end of the dinner (estimated 00:30 h).

- Visit to the *Biblioteca América*

From 18:30 to 19:30 you are allowed to visit the old library in Pazo de Fonseca, the same building where the Concert will take place.

- Cocktail (Sunday 20, 21:00)

A Spanish wine will be served at the cloister of the Hostal dos Reis Católicos just before the dinner.

- Dinner at the Hostal dos Reis Católicos (Sunday 20, 21:30)

In the evening of August 20th, an official dinner will be organized for Assembly participants and registered accompanying persons in the *Hostal dos Reis Católicos*, in Praza do Obradoiro just in front of the Cathedral. It is free for delegates. The cost for accompanying persons is 60 euros.

Buses will come back to the Hotels at the end of the dinner (00:30 h).

We kindly request delegates to observe strict punctuality.

Formal dress is not required at restaurants or when attending official events, nevertheless you are expected to be appropriately attired.

Special activities for accompanying persons (free)

- Visit to the stone choir stalls in the Cathedral (Saturday 19, 10:30 am).

The stalls were constructed under the supervision of 'Maestro Mateo' and completed in about the year 1200. Four hundred years later the stalls were demolished and replaced with a wooden version when liturgical changes demanded new seating arrangements. Largely forgotten until 1900 when excavations began in the cathedral, the process of consolidation and restoration of 17 'seats' was complete by 2000.

- Guided tour to the University heritage (Sunday 20, 10:30 am).

The University of Santiago de Compostela was first opened in 1495. Gothic buildings, cloisters and historical libraries will be visited.

8 Miscellaneous information

Committees

Honor Committee

- H. R. H. Felipe de Borbón y Grecia, Prince of Asturias.
- Mr. Emilio Pérez Touriño, President of the Xunta de Galicia.
- Ms. Mercedes Cabrera Calvo-Sotelo, Minister of Education and Science.
- Ms. Laura Sánchez Piñón, Councillor of Education and University, Xunta de Galicia.
- Mr. Senén Barro Ameneiro, Rector of the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela.
- Mr. Alberto Gago Rodríguez, Rector of the Universidade de Vigo.
- Mr. José María Barja Pérez, Rector of the Universidade da Coruña.
- Mr. Jesús Salvador Fernández Moreda, President of the Deputación da Coruña.
- Mr. Salustiano Mato de la Iglesia, Subsecretary of R+D, Xunta de Galicia.
- Mr. Rubén Camilo Lois González, Subsecretary of Tourism, Xunta de Galicia.
- Mr. Xosé A. Sánchez Bugallo, Mayor of Santiago de Compostela.

Local organizing committee

- Mr. Juan M. Viaño Rey (chair), Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics (USC).
- Mr. Juan J. Nieto Roig (vicechair), Director of the Institute of Mathematics (USC).
- Mr. Enrique Macías Virgós (secretary), Dpt. of Geometry and Topology (USC).
- Members at large
 - Mr. Alberto Cabada Fernández, Dpt. of Mathematical Analysis (USC).
 - Mr. Ricardo Cao Abad, Dpt. of Mathematics (UDC).
 - Ms. M^a Carmen Carollo Limeres, Dpt. of Statistics and Operations Research (USC).
 - Mr. José Durany Castrillo, Dpt. of Applied Mathematics (UVIGO).
 - Ms. M^a Purificación López López, Dpt. of Algebra (USC).
 - Ms. Carmen Rodríguez Iglesias, Dpt. of Applied Mathematics (USC).

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- Xunta de Galicia - Dirección Xeral de Investigación, Desenvolvemento e Innovación
- Xunta de Galicia - Dirección Xeral de Promoción Científica e Tecnolóxica do SUG
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- Deputación da Coruña
- Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia - Dirección General de Investigación
- Concello de Santiago
- USC Universidade de Santiago de Compostela
- UVIGO Universidade de Vigo
- UDC Universidade da Coruña
- CeMAT Comité Español de Matemáticas
- Fundación Pedro Barrié de la Maza
- Xacobeo Galicia
- Turgalicia
- Bodegas "Martín Códax"

Language

All announcements, correspondence, and other business matters of the General Assembly will be written in English. Please note that in Galicia two different languages are official and written/spoken everywhere: Spanish and Galician (the traditional language similar to Portuguese).

Tourist information

Santiago de Compostela (population 89,000) is the capital of the Autonomous Community of Galicia. It was declared a World Heritage City by UNESCO thanks to its multicultural nature as the final destination of a thousand-year-old pilgrim route: the Way of St. James. Please visit the web page www.santiagoturismo.com where you will find a very complete touristic information.

Santiago is one of the most noteworthy historical towns in Spain, with an architectural style all its own. It is also a lively university town with a large student

population, who provide a youthful atmosphere. The destination of pilgrims from all over Europe in the Middle Ages, its 11th century Romanesque cathedral with its imposing Baroque façade, the 12th century *Pórtico da Gloria*, constitute the centre of life in Santiago.

There are also many other interesting buildings, such as the Old University, the Romanesque Collegiate Church of Santa Maria do Sar, the Xelmírez Palace, and the magnificent Hostal dos Reis Católicos.

Tourism offices There are tourism information offices at Rúa do Vilar, 63 (daily, 9–21 h); Praza de Galicia (working days, 10–14 / 16–20 h) and Xoán XXIII (from Tuesday to Saturday, 9–17 h).

Climate The situation of Galicia on the Atlantic seaboard means that its climate is rather wet, although given its position to the south of Europe it is also warm. Rainfall is high, but is also accompanied by many sunny spells, a combination which explains the greenness of its landscape and the abundance of woods and rivers. Between July and September the average temperatures range from 20°C to 25°C; min. 15°C, max. 30°C (average 68°F – 77°F; min. 59°F, max. 86°F).

Beaches The sea coast is 50 km (31 miles) away from Santiago. There are splendid beaches and beautiful landscapes at Noia, Muros and Cape Fisterra, as well as in Cambados, A Toxa or Sanxenxo. The water temperature is approx. 18°C – 21°C (64°F – 70°F). See the webpage www.turgalicia.es/.

Gastronomy Meals schedule: The most typical feature of the meal schedule is the tendency for Spaniards to delay the timing as much as possible. Lunch is around 14:00 (2 pm). The traditional Spanish supper usually takes place around 22:00 (10 pm).

Galicia is Spain's main supplier of fish, mussels, octopuses, lobsters, prawns and crabs that are caught on the steep cliffs, in the fjords and far out on the open sea. The regional cuisine also enjoys a well-deserved reputation. Visitors can enjoy the treasures of the Atlantic fresh and cheap, accompanied by an Albariño or Ribeiro white wines.

Bank services. Shopping hours. Miscellaneous

Bank services: Money exchanges by cash or traveller's cheques can be made in most of the banks located in the City Centre and the airport. There are also money

exchange services in the Assembly venue Hotel.

Office hours: from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm. Banks are closed on Saturday and Sunday. Automatic Cashiers can be found almost everywhere.

Credit Cards: All major credit cards are accepted in the majority of hotels, restaurants and shops.

Currency: The Spanish currency is Euro.

Shopping hours: Opening hours are 10 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm, from Monday to Friday and Saturday morning.

Electricity: The electrical supply is 220 V, 50 Hz. Plug sockets are European continental standard (two rounded pins).

Health services: During the Assembly, first aid will be available in the Assembly venue. In case of illness, please contact the registration counter. In case of emergency, call **emergency phone 112**.

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