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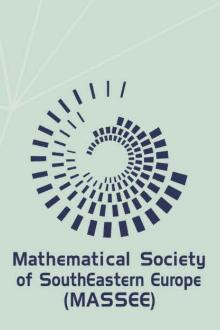












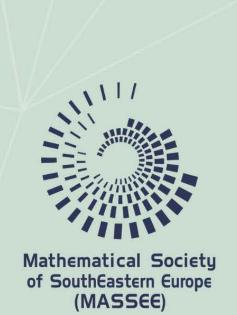


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The Mathematical Society of South Eastern Europe (MASSEE) was established on 1st March 2003. The registered office of MASSEE is hosted by the Hellenic Mathematical Society in Athens, Greece. The main scope of the Association is to develop cooperation between and beyond the communities that are involved and further collaborate for adding value to the common activities organized in the area with main purpose the advancement of mathematics research and education.

Institutional members of the MASSEE are:

- The Mathematical Society of Albania (Albania)
- The Mathematical Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina),
- The Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians (Bulgaria)
- The Cyprus Mathematical Society (Cyprus)
- The Hellenic Mathematical Society (Greece)
- The Union of Mathematicians of Macedonia (North Macedonia)
- The Mathematical Society of Moldova (Republic of Moldova)
- The Montenegrin Society of Mathematicians and Physicists (Montenegro)
- The Mathematical Society of Serbia (Serbia)
- The Romanian Mathematical Society (Romania)
- The Turkish Mathematical Society (Turkey)





Report from the Annual Council Meeting of MASSEE

The annual Council Meeting of MASSEE was held on May 17 2025, at the Athens Chamber of Tradesmen in Athens During the meeting, current and organizational issues of the Society were discussed. Report of the persident for the period 2024-2025 and report of the treasurer for the year 2024 were approved. The reports from mathematical competitions JBMO 2024, BMO 2025, and SEEMOUS 2025 were presented and approved by the council members. The organizers for the competitions over the next two years were appointed.

The Council members also discussed a proposal to organize an international mathematics competition for primary school students and explored ways to encourage greater participation of girls in international math competitions. In addition, it was agreed that MASSEE should intensify its scientific activities, primarily through the revival of the scientific journal Mathematica Balkanica and the restart of the MICOM conference.



Council members present at the MASSEE Annual Council Meeting in Athens, May 17, 2025

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During the Council Meeting of MASSEE in 2025, the elections for the Executive Committee for the period 2025-2027 were held.

The elected Executive Committee consists of:

- President Prof. Gregoris Makrides
- Vice President Prof. Catalin Gherghe
- Vise President Prof. Zorica Stanimirović
- Secretary General Dr. Grigoris Nikitas (elected in the meeting of 2024)
- Treasurer Prof. Manolis Kritikos
- Members: Prof Özkan Değer and Prof. Zenan Šabanac

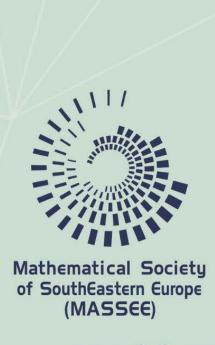
The new President of the MASSEE, Prof. Georigs Makrides, presented some general ideas for the MASSEE activities for the period 2025-2027. It is planned that the Executive Committee helds its meetings once a month in order to coordinate and plan the activities efficiently.



Agenda of the Council Meeting



Discussing on the Council Meeting





Forthcoming international mathematical competitions organized by MASSEE

South Eastern European Mathematical Olympiad for University Students with International Participation - SEEMOUS 2026

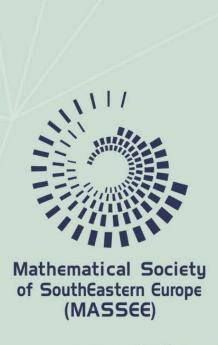
The Mathematical Society of South-Eastern Europe is organizing the 20th Mathematical Olympiad for first and second year university students, SEEMOUS 2026. This well-established University student competition will be hosted by the Cyprus Mathematical Society between **3-8 March 2026 in Paphos, Cyprus.**

The aim of this competition is to challenge and encourage mathematically gifted University students for further development in Mathematics, to help them communicate and cooperate with other students and possibly future colleagues as Mathematicians, to create a friendly relationship and cooperation between our mathematical societies and University Mathematics departments.

We kindly invite you to participate in SEEMOUS 2026 with a team from your university. A team may consist of up to 6 students and 2 professors (a team leader and a deputy team leader). Eligible students are those who are not students beyond the second university year of undergraduate studies by the end of the 2025/2026 academic year or have not completed more than 120 ECTS credits until 1 March, 2026. Students may participate as a University Team or a National Team. All SEEMOUS 2026 participants will have to cover their own travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses. A participation fee is pre-paid to the Cyprus Mathematical Society (CY.M.S.) per person.

The deadline for submitting the registration form of participation is 16 January 2026. More details can be found at the official SEEMOUS 2026 website: https://www.cms.org.cy/







43rd Balkan Mathematical Olympiad – BMO 2026

The Mathematical Society of South-Eastern Europe is organizing the 43rd Balkan Mathematical Olympiad BMO 2026 for high-school students not exceeding the age of 20. This annual math competition with long tradition will be will be hosted by the Hellenic Mathematical Society between **3-8 May 2026 in Greece**.

The aims of the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO) include:

- -the challenging, encouragement and development of mathematically gifted school students in all participating member countries;
- the fostering of friendly relationships among students and teachers;
- the creation of opportunities for the exchange of information on school syllabuses and practice within the member countries;
- -the gaining of experience and preparation for the IMO.



Save the dates for BMO 2026, more information will follow!

30th Junior Balkan Mathematical Olympiad – JBMO 2026

The Junior Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (JBMO) is an esteemed mathematics competition for students aged 15.5 years or younger. Annualy organized by the Mathematical Society of South Eastern Europe (MASSEE), the JBMO brings together participants from its member countries, but it also also traditionally welcomes teams from several guest countries. This wide participation makes JBMO one of the most prestigious mathematics competitions for students in this age group.

The JBMO 2026 will be hosted by the Romanian Mathematical Society **in June 2026 in Romania.** Exact dates and place of the JBMO 2026 are to be announced.



JBMO 2026 will be held in June 2026 in Romania. More information is coming soon!

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The European STEAME Academic Conference 2026

The European Federation of STEAME Teacher Facilitator Academies is organizing an annual conference between **12-16 March**, **2026 at the Aliathon Resort in Paphos**, **Cyprus**. The goal of the STEAME Academic Conference is to provide a working space for exchange of good practices and new resources, research results, and tools supporting the STEAME Education area (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Entrepreneurship).



The Conference will include:

- Engaging Workshops & Sessions Covering AI in education, project-based learning, sustainability, and emerging technologies.
- Networking Opportunities Connect with like-minded professionals and contribute to the future of STEAME education.
- Hands-on Activities Interactive workshops, VR, XR learning, engage with students.
- Network with other educators to jointly follow the Path to STEAME Teacher Facilitator Certification

The deadline for submitting an abstract for presentation or workshop is **December 15, 2025.** Registration fee is free for participants, but some related expenses for participants may be involved. For more details visit the conference website:

https://federation-steame-academies.eu/european-steame-academies-conference/



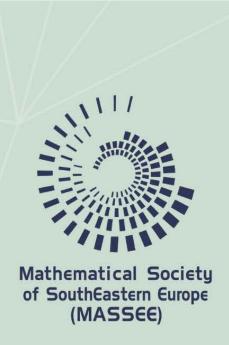
NEWS FROM MEMBERS

National Seminar on the Teaching of Mathematics and Computer Science in Serbia

The traditional National Seminar on the Teaching of Mathematics and Computer Science, organized by the Mathematical Society of Serbia, was successfully held in Belgrade on October 11–12, 2025. This seminar is held annually, offering participants a wide range of topics in the field of mathematics and computer science education, including the presentation of innovations in teaching. The topics are diverse in terms of educational level, catering both to the teachers in primary schools, as well as those working in high schools and vocational secondary schools. Some of the topics are specifically structured to allow the participants to share their experiences and showcase examples of best practices.

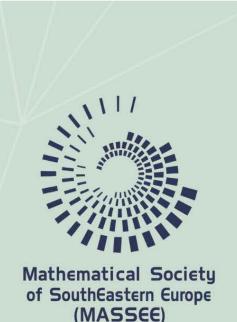


This year, the event brought together over 400 participants - mathematics and computer science teachers from primary and secondary schools across the country, university professors and students. Over 45 presenters delivered presentations, lectures, and workshops. The presenters were educators from all levels, from universities and primary and secondary schools. The plenary session is broadcast via the <u>Official YouTube Channel</u> of the Mathematical Society of Serbia, enabling a wider mathematical audience to follow the lectures and engage in the discussion.





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Participants at the Seminar are provided with appropriate materials, which are also available online, both during the seminar and afterwards, without any time restrictions. These materials, created specifically for each topic, include a detailed description of the content as well as comprehensive guidelines for applying the acquired knowledge in teaching practice. Some of the materials are interactive, allowing participants to independently experiment with the presented innovations.



Lectures and Workshops at the Seminar

This strong participation can be seen as recognition of the Society's continuous efforts to enhance the quality of its accredited professional development programs. Participants particularly commended the relevance of the presented topics, as well as the expertise and dedication of the lecturers, from the plenary session to the sectional presentations. We look forward to continuing this positive trend in the years to come.



Organizing Committee

Postal mark relased in 2023 on occasion of the 75 years of the Society