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Statutes for the Leelavati Prize

*As decided at the Executive Committee of the IMU in 2012
with subsequent changes*

Preamble

The Leelavati Prize is named after the twelfth century mathematical treatise Leelavati written by the Indian mathematician Bhaskara II. This treatise was the main source for learning the then state-of-the-art arithmetic and algebra in medieval India. The work was also translated into Persian and was influential in the Middle East.

The organizers of the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2010 in Hyderabad decided, with the endorsement of the IMU Executive Committee (EC), to give a one-time international award, named the Leelavati Prize, for outstanding public outreach work for mathematics. The award of the Leelavati Prize was well-received, and the IMU EC made it into a permanent IMU prize, and Infosys agreed to sponsor it.

The Leelavati Prize is intended to accord high recognition and great appreciation of the International Mathematical Union and Infosys of outstanding contributions for increasing public awareness of mathematics as an intellectual discipline and the crucial role it plays in diverse human endeavors.

Statutes

1. The Leelavati Prize is awarded to one person at an ICM in recognition of outstanding contributions for increasing public awareness of mathematics as an intellectual discipline and the crucial role it plays in diverse human endeavors. The Leelavati Prize is not intended to reward mathematical research, but rather outreach activities in the broadest possible sense, including, but not restricted to, books, films, plays, TV, radio, or other shows, museum activities, exhibitions, or fairs, public lectures, and Internet activities for mathematics.
2. The Leelavati Prize carries a cash prize of INR 1.0 million.
3. The Leelavati Prize Committee that decides the recipient, consists of five members. Two members are to be nominated by Infosys and three members are chosen by the Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union. The Committee must abide by the IMU Guidelines regarding conflicts of interest in its deliberations. The name of the Chair of the Committee is made public, but the names of other members of the Committee remain anonymous until the award of the prize at the Congress.
4. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the Prize Committee Chair. Any nomination should contain the name of candidate, as well as a description of the work that qualifies the candidate for the prize, including sources or references where more background information on the candidate's work can be found, especially Web pages, book reviews, newspaper articles, etc. Nominations are confidential, and must not be disclosed to the candidate. Self-nominations are strongly discouraged. The Committee is free to consider persons not nominated.

5. No person can receive more than one IMU Award¹. An exception is that an individual can receive the Leelavati Prize in addition to one other IMU Award.
6. No person can receive an IMU Award or be an ICM Emmy Noether Lecturer while serving on the IMU Executive Committee.

¹ Fields Medal, IMU Abacus Medal/Rolf Nevanlinna Prize, Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize, Chern Medal Award, and Leelavati Prize.