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To: IMU Adhering Organizations

From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

Call for applications for the Heidelberg Laureate Forum 2015

Dear colleagues,

The first two Heidelberg Laureate Forums (HLF) which took place in September 2013 and 2014, turned out to be very successful events. They brought together outstanding students in mathematics and computer science with winners of the most prestigious awards in these two disciplines:

Abel, Fields, Nevanlinna, and Turing Laureates.

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum was started by the Klaus Tschira Stiftung and is being organized by the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation in cooperation with

- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
- The Association for Computing Machinery
- The International Mathematical Union

which are the awarders of the prizes mentioned.

Detailed information about the Heidelberg Laureate Forum can be found at

<http://www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org/>.

Preparations for the 3rd HLF are well underway. Effective November 17, the online application tool is up and running. The press information released on November 17, 2014, announcing the start of the application period for the 3rd Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF), can be found below. The HLF application poster and fact sheet are attached and available for download at:

<http://www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org/download-area/>.

We would greatly appreciate if you could help spread the word. Please feel free to forward the press release and the attached information to all interested parties.

Best regards

Martin Grötschel
IMU Secretary

Encl.: HLF Press release

PRESS RELEASE

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

We would like to ask you to forward this information to potential candidates and anyone else who might be interested:

Seeking Outstanding Young Researchers!

The application process for the 3rd Heidelberg Laureate Forum is up and running.

Beginning November 17, young computer scientists and mathematicians from all over the world can apply for one of the 200 coveted spots to participate in Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF), an annual networking event. The HLF offers all accepted young researchers the great opportunity to personally meet the winners of the most prestigious prizes in their fields. For one week, the recipients of the Abel Prize, the ACM A.M. Turing Award, the Fields Medal, and the Nevanlinna Prize engage in a cross-generational scientific dialogue with young researchers in Heidelberg, Germany. Applications must be submitted online at <http://application.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org> by February 28, 2015. For more information, please visit: www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org.

The 3rd HLF will take place from August 23 to 28, 2015. This high-profile event combines scientific, social and outreach activities in an informal atmosphere, and is fueled by comprehensive exchange and scientific inspiration. "The HLF is a unique opportunity for two hundred ambitious young researchers to meet some of the most successful scientists in their fields", says Klaus Tschira, founder and chairperson of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation (HLFF), which organizes the HLF every year.

During the HLF week, young researchers will be given the exclusive possibility to profoundly connect with their scientific role models and find out how they made it to the top of their fields. 24 laureates attended the 2nd HLF, including Martin Hairer and Manjul Bhargava, both 2014 Fields Medalists, and Leslie Lamport, the current winner of the ACM A.M. Turing Award. Together with their fellow laureates, they shared their knowledge with 200 outstanding young researchers from nearly 60 different countries. "A once-in-a-lifetime experience to engage with some amazing people. I thoroughly enjoyed not just the thrill of meeting these 'greats' but being free to pick their brains, learn their wisdom and even to debate with them. I am coming away from the Forum, inspired and motivated in general, but also with fresh research ideas and insight into my own area of work. For this I am extremely grateful", writes one young researcher of the 2nd HLF.

Young researchers at all levels, from undergrad and PhD to postdoc, are encouraged to apply for one of the limited spots until February 28, 2015.

Successful candidates will be selected by an international committee of experts to ensure that only the most qualified candidates are invited. There are 100 spaces available for each discipline of mathematics and computer science. Successful applicants will be notified by April 15, 2015.

For more information, please go to: www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org

Background

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation (HLFF) annually organizes the Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF), which is a networking event for mathematicians and computer scientists from all over the world. The 3rd Heidelberg Laureate Forum will take place from August 23 to 28, 2015, with the dates alternating each year between August and September. The HLF was initiated by the German foundation Klaus Tschira Stiftung (KTS), which promotes natural sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies (HITS). The Forum is organized by the HLFF in cooperation with KTS and HITS as well as the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the International Mathematical Union (IMU), and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA).

HLF Images

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/heidelberg-laureate-forum/>

To the Editors

With this press release, we would like to extend an invitation to attend the 3rd Heidelberg Laureate Forum as well as to report on the event.

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will take place from **August 23 until August 28, 2015**.
