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Seville closes today the largest Mathematics Congress in Europe with 1,400 participants from 70 countries

Attending mathematicians to one of the talks during the 9ECM, Seville

CLOSING CEREMONY:

TODAY at 5:30pm at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Sevilla (Camino de los Descubrimientos, 17, Isla de la Cartuja, Sevilla).

- **His Majesty the King, Honorary President of the Congress, has sent a message of congratulations to the Organising Committee for the success of the Congress and to the award winners.**
- **The 9th European Congress of Mathematics brought together the leading researchers in the discipline and broke records in terms of participants and speakers.**
- **Sponsored by the European Mathematical Society, it was organised by the University of Seville, with the support of numerous Spanish institutions.**

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Seville, 19 July 2024. Seville today bids farewell to the 9th European Congress of Mathematics (ECM), considered the second most important in the world in Mathematics. It was held this week in the Andalusian capital in its ninth edition, with the attendance of almost 1,400 participants who are experts in the field.

During these five days, 10 plenary lectures, 2 special lectures, 31 invited lectures, 64 mini-symposia and 270 thematic communications have been held. It also included workshops and a cultural agenda as four exhibitions about mathematics. The European Mathematical Society (EMS) awards were also presented, a total of 14 on this occasion, which are the most important mathematics prizes in Europe and the second most important in the world, after the prestigious Fields Medals of international recognition.

The closing ceremony will take place today at 5:30pm at the Seville School of Engineering (ETSI) with the attendance of the president of the European Mathematical Society (EMS), Jan Philip Solovej; the president of the Organising Committee, Juan González-Meneses, from the University of Seville; and the vice-president, Isabel Fernández-Delgado, as well as the rest of the members of the committee. Among the authorities attending the closing event were the Vice-Rector for Digital Transformation of the University of Seville, María Isabel Hartillo; the Secretary General for Research of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Eva Ortega-Paíno; the Deputy Director of the Institute of Mathematics of the University of Seville (IMUS), María Ángeles Japón; and the Director of the ETSI, Andrés Sáez. Although he was unable to attend during the week for scheduling reasons, **His Majesty the King**, Honorary President of the Congress, sent a message of congratulations to the organising committee 'for the successful trajectory and results of the Congress' and also congratulated the winners of this year's edition.

"The congress has really exceeded my expectations," says European Mathematical Society president **Jan Philip Solovej**, adding that '"the organisers of the next edition, which will be in Bologna, are present and I hope, indeed I know, that they are taking inspiration from the current congress".

Juan González-Meneses states on behalf of the Organising Committee that "we can only say that it has been a wonderful experience. Extraordinary talks and activities, and many interactions between mathematicians. We are very grateful for the kind words we have received from many participants. We apologise for any mistakes that may have been made, and we look forward to welcoming you again in Seville". "The large number of participants (from around 70 countries), the mini-symposia and the exhibitors made this ECM a success," he adds.

The deputy director of the IMUS, **María Ángeles Japón**, concluded that "we have enjoyed a fantastic week full of the best mathematics possible. On behalf of the IMUS we would like to thank the 9ECM organising team for the great work they have done and for their perseverance and effort to bring this great event, recognised as one of the most important mathematics congresses in the world, to Seville".

A record breaking scientific event

The University of Seville and, in general, the public universities of Andalusia, have research work in Mathematics of the first international level, as all the research rankings show. The organisers hope that the holding of this congress in the US has consolidated the international recognition of the research carried out at the institution and at the same time brings the work carried out there even closer to society, which is

increasingly convinced of the important role played by Mathematics in their lives and well-being.

In addition, 100 mathematics students from all over the country collaborated as volunteers in this event, and a total of 120 scholarships for mathematicians from developing countries were awarded as part of the international cooperation programme.

The next edition will take place in four years' time, in 2028, in the city of Bologna (Italy), chosen at the EMS Governing Board meeting last weekend in Granada as the venue for the 10ECM.

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