

## Registration form for Polish scientific institution

### 1. Research institution data (name and address):

Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics  
University of Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28  
00-927 Warszawa.

### 2. Type of research institution:

1. Basic organisational unit of higher education institution

### 3. Head of the institution:

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### 4. Contact information of designated person(s) for applicants and NCN

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### 5. Science discipline in which strong international position of the institution ensures establishing a Dioscuri Centre (select one out of 25 listed disciplines):

Natural Sciences and Technology disciplines:

#### Mathematics

### 6. Description of important research achievements from the selected discipline from the last 5 years including list of the most important publications, patents, other (up to one page in A4 format):

**The institution and its faculty.** UW is the leading Polish department of mathematics and one of the islands of excellence on the map of Polish science. Our strength arises not only from past achievements, but also from on-going scientific activities that attract new generations of young mathematicians from the whole of Poland. The following is a non-exhaustive list of important results published no earlier than 2014 obtained by mathematicians from MIM UW. Research articles based on these results have appeared or will appear in, among other venues, *Ann. of Math.*, *Invent. Math.*, *J. Eur. Math. Soc.*, *Duke Math. J.*, *Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal.*, *Adv. Math.*, *Comm. Math. Phys.*, *Geom. Topol.*, *J. Mach. Learn. Res.* Employees of MIM UW have also recently published in e.g. *IMRN*, *J. Math. Pures Appl.*, *J. Algebraic Geom.*, *J. Diff. Equations*, *J. Funct. Anal.*, *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.*, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.*, *Found. Comput. Math.*, *Geom. Funct. Anal.*

**Probability.** W. Bednorz and R. Łatała proved the so-called *Bernoulli Conjecture*, which characterizes the boundedness of an important class of stochastic processes. They received a special prize funded by M. Talagrand, who stated the conjecture more than 20 years ago. R. Adamczak gave an optimal estimate of the running time of a variant of the ER-SpUD algorithm, which is used to recover random matrices of a certain kind.

**Dynamical systems, analysis.** K. Baranski and his collaborators proved that *Julia sets* of Newton's method for entire maps are connected and solved a major open problem concerning virtual immediate basins of Newton's method. In joint work with E. Stróżyńska (TU Warsaw), H. Żołądek classified plane vector field singularities with a nilpotent linear part. This solves a problem stemming from a paper of Takens from 1974. In joint work with P. Hajłasz (Pittsburgh),

P. Goldstein constructed a measure and orientation preserving homeomorphism of the  $n$ -dimensional cube with approximate Jacobian equal to  $\pm 1$  almost everywhere.

**Algebraic geometry, topology, algebra.** A. Langer proved *Bogomolov's inequality* for Higgs bundles in positive characteristic, which implies a conjecture stated by Shepherd-Barron in 1989. M. Donten-Bury, J. Wisniewski and their collaborators used a special 4-dimensional Hyperkähler manifold to answer a question on incident planes in 5-dimensional space dating back to 1930. In joint work with K. Palka (IMPAN), M. Koras proved the *Coolidge-Nagata conjecture*, which describes rational cuspidal curves in the complex projective

plane. M. Krupski and W. Marciszewski constructed a metrizable space over which the space of real-valued functions is not homeomorphic to its own square, solving a *problem of Arhangel'skii* from the 1980's. J. Okninski and his collaborators answered a series of questions on the solutions of the *Yang-Baxter equation* posed by T. Gateva-Ivanova and P. Cameron.

**PDEs, numerical analysis.** A quasi-static evolution of the thermo-visco-elastic model was analyzed by P. Gwiazda and his collaborators and the existence of solutions in a simplified setting (thermal expansion effects neglected) was proved. P. Mucha and T. Piasecki showed the stability of non-trivial flows for the compressible *Navier-Stokes system* using a new approach based on a generalization of Lagrange coordinates. A. G. Werschulz and H. Wozniakowski

studied the worst case complexity and the tractability of a second-order Neumann problem for elliptic operators, finding necessary and sufficient conditions to exhibit a given degree of tractability and thus filling a gap in the existing theory.

#### **7. List of no more than 3 important research projects from the selected discipline awarded in national and international calls to the institution in the last 5 years**

(title, name of PI, source of funding, amount of funding):

\_ *Algebraic Geometry: Varieties and Structures*,

PI: prof. Jarosław Wisniewski,

National Science Centre Project MAESTRO,

budget: 2.237.920 PLN

\_ *Estimates of random vectors and processes*,

PI: prof. Rafał Łatała,

National Science Centre Project MAESTRO,

budget: 1.513.800 PLN

\_ *Effectiveness of infection control strategies against intra- and inter- hospital transmission of multidrug-resistant Enterobacteriaceae – insights from a multi-level mathematical Network model*,

PI: dr hab. Monika Piotrowska,

JPI-EC-AMR project,

budget: 1.047.068 PLN

#### **8. Description of the available laboratory and office space for Dioscuri Centre (up to one page in A4 format):**

The unique location of Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics of the University

of Warsaw at the Ochota campus surrounded by the departments of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and several excellent institutes of Polish Academy of Sciences, fosters fruitful interdisciplinary cooperation. Computational resources allocated for Dioscuri Centre comprise air conditioned server rooms as well as computer laboratory with number of PCs. Overall surface is around 70 square meters. Office space allocated for Dioscuri Centre consists of: 3 single person office rooms (12 square meters each), 2 double office rooms (20 square meters each), 1 office room for Phd students (40 square meters), 1 administrative office and other necessary facilities.

#### **9. List of the available scientific equipment for Dioscuri Centre:**

The computing infrastructure of the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics of the University of Warsaw includes servers with sufficiently high power to allocate resources for all research groups created within the framework of Dioscuri Call.

To renew and maintain the infrastructure we use funds from a number of other projects carried out at the Faculty.

#### **10. List of the additional benefits that the Institution declares to provide for Dioscuri Centre** (i.e.: additional funds, personal benefits, other) (up to one in page A4 format):

Additional benefits for researchers of Dioscuri Centre include professional service supporting the research activity. The employees of Research Support Office, Financial Section and Office

of Institutes provide advice and assistance with the realization of the project.

The extensive support on management of the project covers all financial and reporting issues, as well as the organization of small and medium-size scientific meetings.

MIM UW department collaborates with the University's technology transfer office that are responsible for assisting researchers to protect and commercialise their Intellectual Property potentially resulted from the research activity of Dioscuri Centre.

Moreover, additional funding will be provided by Dean of MIM UW to support small scientific

meetings, workshops and individual research visits organized by Dioscuri Centre. MIM UW department have an excellent pool of undergraduate and graduate students (each year 50-60 laureates of Mathematics and Computer Science Olympiad choose to study here).

Last but not least, the researchers of Dioscuri Centre are eligible to use the University Sports Centre located on Banacha Street. The extensive facilities include: competition-standard swimming pool and climbing wall.

#### **11. Other information about internationalization of the scientific institution, foreign scientists employed at the institution, availability of the English language seminars etc.** (up to one page in A4 format):

Employees of the department are involved in top-level mathematical research, which by its very nature takes place in an international community. Mathematicians from MIM UW have hundreds of collaborators from around the world, regularly publish their work in internationally recognized journals (including such leading journals as *the Annals of Mathematics* and *Inventiones Mathematicae*), and are frequently

invited as speakers to major international conferences.

Some long-term members of the faculty are foreign-born (J. Noble, B. Warhurst). Many more mathematicians from outside of Poland come to MIM UW as postdoctoral researchers. In

recent years, support for postdoctoral positions has come mostly from the *Warsaw Centre of Mathematics and Computer Science* (WCMCS, [www.wcmcs.edu.pl](http://www.wcmcs.edu.pl), a consortium consisting of MIM UW and the Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Science), which in the years 2012-2017 had the status of a National Scientific Leadership Centre along with associated funding. Other sources of support have included ERCIM (the *European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics*, [www.ercim.eu](http://www.ercim.eu)) and individual grants, such as J. Wisniewski's Maestro project in algebraic geometry. Overall, in the last 5 years over 20 mathematicians from more than 10 countries (not including Poland) have visited MIM UW as postdocs. On the other hand, young members of the faculty are expected to spend some time on postdoctoral stays in internationally recognized research centres.

Mathematicians from MIM UW also actively involved in the organization of international conferences. In a typical year, employees of the department are among the organizers of a double

digit number of large and medium-sized mathematical conferences, all with a significant international presence, and many more small meetings and workshops. In recent years, the number of such small events and of individual research visits to Warsaw was exceptionally high thanks to the additional funding provided by WCMCS.

Many mathematicians employed at the department are holders of grants intended to support cooperation with research groups from specific institutions outside of the country. This includes for instance numerous *Harmonia* grants funded by the National Science Centre and a *Central* grant (funded by the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD) involving MIM UW along with institutions from Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. Employees of MIM UW have also taken advantage of the *Polish-French cooperation programme Polonium* and the *Polish-Italian programme Canaletto*. In 2015, Adrian Langer was the winner of the *Szolem Mandelbrojt* prize contest organized by the French Institute in Poland and the French embassy. The prize comes with a scholarship intended to support a one-month research visit to a selected research group in France.

Essentially all graduate-level courses at the department are offered in English. Many research seminars have foreign participants and are held in English on a regular basis, while all the others can be held in English whenever there is a non-Polish speaking participant.