Science Europe Supports the Establishment of the International Centre for Mathematics in Ukraine

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In summer 2022 a group of mathematicians of Ukrainian origin initiated an ambitious project – a new Centre for mathematical sciences with a mission to support top-level research in mathematics and train younger generations of scientists. The International Centre for Mathematics in Ukraine was subsequently registered in Ukraine in autumn 2022.

World-leading mathematicians and research institutions expressed their support to the Centre at an event organised in January 2023 by the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHES) of the Paris-Saclay University. Based on the same model as the Oberwolfach in Germany, Banach Centre in Poland and CIRM in France, the Centre will endeavour to perform high quality research in mathematical sciences in Ukraine. The Centre will also carry educational and outreach activities and will facilitate interaction of Ukrainian mathematicians with the mathematics community globally.

Science Europe congratulates the promoters of this initiative for setting up such a promising research institution during the war and for bringing together an impressive group of mathematicians as its Advisory Board. We look forward to collaborating with the Centre to further reinforce ties between the Ukrainian and European research systems.

The Ukrainian research community is at the forefront of world-leading research in mathematics. For example, Maryna Viazovska, who co-led the establishment of the Centre, became in 2022 the second woman to win the prestigious Fields Medal. The development of the Centre will be a great opportunity to build on this tradition and to contribute to rebuilding the science ecosystem in the country.

We take this opportunity to, once again, call for research organisations to strengthen support to Ukrainian research. We also reiterate our call on Russia to cease all hostilities and to respect international law and human rights.