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Important message on CERME 14

More than 900 contributions (papers/posters) were submitted to CERME14 before the deadline. This record number represents another chapter in the success of CERME, which attracts still more researchers, due to the quality of its scientific programme.

However, as discussed already at CERME13, academic venues have a capacity limit. At CERME14, it will be possible to have 900 participants (or possibly a few more), as has been the case also for venues of previous editions of CERME.

Now, each of the 900 contributions represent at least one participant (the presenting author), in addition to the leaders and coleaders of the TWGs, plenary speakers, IPC, LOC and ERME board. While all these groups have some overlaps, we estimate nevertheless the total to be around 1100 people. Therefore, even if no co-authors (who are not presenting authors) were enabled to participate, we would need to restrict the number of papers that can be accepted. And we do want to give some co-authors access. The solution was presented at CERME13 and subsequently decided by the board of ERME. It entails, for CERME14:

- (1) *75% of the received contributions in each TWG can be accepted.* Compared to CERME13, with a 90% acceptance rate, the review process will therefore be more selective. However, inclusivity towards isolated or inexperienced researchers is still in focus, both in the review process and through the strengthened pre-submission support procedure.
- (2) *Still, only a small minority of non-presenting co-authors will be able to register.* Priority will be given to *main doctoral supervisors of presenting authors*, and (if all of these can be admitted) to other highly experienced researchers. The LOC works on stretching the capacity of the venue by adding a few more rooms, but of course, without compromising the safety and adequacy of the working environment of the participants.

We trust the community will understand these decisions, which are in fact forced by two factors: the tremendous attractiveness of CERME, and the need for CERME to be in affordable academic environments with both classrooms and plenary rooms, with the inevitable capacity limits such environments have.

Finally, we hope for your continued collaboration and assure you of our tireless efforts to make CERME14 a pleasant event of the highest scientific quality.

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