

Established on the Boğaziçi University campus in 2006, the Istanbul Center for Mathematical Sciences (IMBM) has hosted numerous seminars, regular themed meetings, national and international workshops, as well as conferences. As an institution, IMBM has greatly contributed to the academic collaboration and interaction of mathematicians both nationally and internationally.

Since 2017, the Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics has been organizing its “Women in Mathematics” event at the IMBM. Held on any day during the week encompassing March 8 International Women’s Day, “Women in Mathematics” is a one-day event that brings together mathematicians from both Turkey and abroad who work in a particular area of the various mathematical disciplines, with the goal of fostering a scientific platform. Held annually at the IMBM, our events for the 2017-2020 period focused on the topics of Algebra, Differential Geometry, Applied Mathematics, and Number Theory, respectively.

We are deeply saddened by the fact that mathematicians have been prevented from utilizing the IMBM building per the decision of the Boğaziçi University administration, as this will negatively impact the organization of future events in the field of mathematics. IMBM is a respected center with international acclaim. For us mathematicians who work in the field of physical sciences and whose work forms the basis of interdisciplinary projects, the number of similar centers in Turkey is slim to none. With that in mind, we hope to see such mathematical science centers grow in number instead of being shut down. We would also like to express our desire not to lose the world-renowned IMBM as a host for the mathematics community, and we invite the Boğaziçi University administration to reconsider this decision pertaining to the IMBM.

Executive Board of the Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics