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Announcement of competition for 3 scholarships for Italian Ph.D courses in Mathematics for attendance by non - EU foreign nationals in the academic year 2008-2009

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Expiry 30th April 2008.

Should not all the scholarships offered be awarded, the new expiry date will be:
1st September 2008.

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Art. 1

With the aim of encouraging attendance by post-graduate Mathematics students from non - European Union countries at Ph. D courses in Mathematics offered by Italian Universities, the National Institute of Advanced Mathematics “Francesco Severi” of Rome announces a competition for three scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Competitors should be nationals of countries outside the European Union, and possess university qualifications valid for admission to Ph. D courses at Italian universities.

To assist the participation of those students selected to follow the Ph.D. courses, a lump sum contribution is foreseen of **€ 1.500,00- gross**.

Subsequently, those candidates who are pronounced winners of the Ph. D competition will be granted the scholarship for a period of twelve months. The award will take effect from the beginning of the study stay period in Italy at the Mathematics department where the Ph. D course is undertaken. Renewal of the scholarship for a maximum duration of one year is anticipated by application according to the formalities given in art.7, until completion of the period granted for obtaining the Ph.D.

Salary or earnings of any kind will invalidate the holding of the scholarship. Other than the amount of the scholarship, no payments or contributions on behalf of the Ph.D. student can be made by the Institute, for any reason.

Art. 2

The scholarship holder will receive a monthly sum of **€ 1.200,00- gross**. After deduction of fiscal dues.

Payment of the scholarship will be in monthly instalments made in advance according to the rules of the following art.8.

Art. 3

Applications for admission to the competition, written on plain paper, must arrive not later than the **30th April, 2008**, at the National Institute of Advanced Mathematics “Francesco Severi” – P.le Aldo Moro, 5 (Città Universitaria) – 00185 ROMA. In the event that not all the scholarships are assigned, the competition will be re-opened with the expiry date of **1st September 2008**.

The application should state the following:

1. Surname, first name, date and birthplace of the candidate;
2. Address where resident, with postal code ;
3. Academic qualifications held.
4. Address to which the candidate wishes the communications concerning the competition to be sent, a contact telephone number, an e-mail address if available;
5. Official Nationality and citizenship held.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. Photocopy of passport.
2. Documentation covering academic qualifications with the respective grades gained.
3. Overview of the studies which the candidate proposes to undertake.
4. Copy of an application to take at least one Ph. D course in mathematics at an Italian university.
5. Brief CV of educational background.
6. At least two and not more than three letters of introduction from university mathematics teachers who have known the candidate and are qualified to assess the preparedness and aptitude of the candidate for research work.
7. List of documents and titles presented.

The documents referred to under point 2 can be substituted by self - certification according to the prevailing rules. The documents under point 6 can arrive at the Institute even after the expiry date of the competition providing that they are delivered by the day before the meeting of the Adjudicating Committee referred to in art.4. The delivery may be made by fax or via electronic mail.

Art. 4

The competition will be adjudicated by a Panel of at least three members appointed by the Governing Board of this Institute. The judgement of merit determined by this Panel is binding and non-negotiable.

Each member of the Panel can award up to ten points.

The Panel will examine the documentation submitted by each candidate together with the information referred to in art.3. Special attention will be paid to participation in courses dealing with the setting up of mathematical research in Italy.

On the basis of this examination, the Panel issues a report containing an assessment of the suitability of each candidate and formulates a list of candidates worthy of gaining a scholarship.

Those considered eligible will have gained not less than seven tenths of the total points assigned.

The list of winners is constituted of those eligible candidates, in their order of listing, corresponding to the number of scholarships put up for competition.

On the basis of the results of the competition the Panel may propose to the Governing Board of the Institute that they assign a greater number of Scholarships.

Scholarships which become available through withdraw, forfeiture of the winners, or for other motives, at the discretion of the Institute, may be assigned to eligible candidates according to their listed order.

Art. 5

The results of the competition will be communicated to those candidates who are judged to be winners and their names will be posted on the notice board of the Institute.

Upon request, certification of the result will be sent to successful candidates.

Art. 6

Within ten days of the date of receipt of the registered letter communicating the results of the competition, the winners must send to the National Institute of Advanced Mathematics "Francesco Severi" (Città Universitaria) – P.le Aldo Moro, 5 – 00185 Roma -, a written statement of acceptance or renunciation of the scholarship on the terms communicated to them.

The statement must be sent by registered post, or delivered by hand, obtaining a receipt of delivery. Non- receipt of the written statement by the Institute within the stipulated terms will automatically signify renunciation of the scholarship. With the same written statement, the successful candidates must give explicit assurance, on their own personal responsibility, that they will not be the recipients of any other scholarships or other payments of any kind whatsoever, for the entire duration of the said scholarship.

Art. 7

After the tenth month of attending the Ph. D course, application can be made to renew the scholarship: Documentation substantiating the work carried out must be included with the application and sent to the Institute. A Panel appointed by the Governing Board of the Institute will pass indisputable judgement on the basis of which a proposal may be made to the Governing Board for renewal of the scholarship.

Together with the documentation of substantiation above, the applicant is required to send to INdAM copies of the work relating to his intended future publications including his notes, diagrams, printed drafts. Such publications must refer to the scholarship from which the work has resulted.

Art. 8

Every six months the scholarship holder must provide the President of the Institute with a report on the work carried out, signed by the Ph.D. Coordinator or person delegated by the same. This shall be a necessary condition for payment of the instalments of the scholarship in successive months, except for serious and justified reasons.

The holder who, after having started the activity pertaining to the scholarship, fails to continue, in the absence of properly justified and documented motives, consistently and uninterruptedly throughout the entire duration of the scholarship, or who becomes responsible for grave or repeated shortcomings, or who shows signs of not having adequate aptitude for the work, shall be denied further participation in the scholarship by deliberation of the Governing Board of the Institute.

Title to the scholarship is suspended, temporarily, in cases where the holder is obliged to be absent for pregnancy, confinement, illness of duration greater than one month, or for other serious reasons.

Candidates must act, within six months of finishing the Competition, to obtain the return of the qualified documents and publications submitted. On expiry of this period, the Administration will disclaim all responsibility for the said documents and publications.

The Institute reserves the right to revoke or modify the published announcement in cases of non- availability of funding.

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Dott. Giovanni Pascone
INdAM Director