

# News from the Société Mathématique de France (SMF)

EMS Presidents Meeting 2017  
Lisbon  
1–2 April 2017

- **Centre International de Rencontre Mathématiques (CIRM):**

One of the largest **mathematical conference centers** in the world (funded by SMF, CNRS, Aix–Marseille University)

- **3500** participants each year
- More than **60** meetings, conferences, “Research in Pairs” each year

**An ambitious extension:**

- A **new building** and another **conference room**, over 30 additional hotel rooms
- **End of construction:** September 2018
- New Calls for Proposals (including towards the industry)

**The Calls for Proposals are open. Apply now!**

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- **National Congress/Congrès de la SMF**

Starting 2016, the SMF organizes every two years a **national congress**

- 2016: **Tours**, big success
- 2018: **Lille**: in full preparation

- **Article in “Le Monde”: “Présidentielles : n’oublions pas les sciences”**

On the occasion of the **presidential elections** in France an article has been published on 20 March 2017 by the SMF (jointly with the SMAI, Société Informatique de France and Société Française de Physique) to remind the candidates **not to forget science**. The article got many reactions.

[http://smf.emath.fr/files/tribune\\_smf\\_et\\_al-le\\_monde.pdf](http://smf.emath.fr/files/tribune_smf_et_al-le_monde.pdf)

- **European scientists call for transparency, openness, and mobility**

The SMF with over forty European learned and professional societies (including the EMS) has cosigned an **open letter** expressing the community’s worries about recent developments in sciences in the US

<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/news/17/02/10/european-scientistst-transparency-openness-and-mobility>

- **“Walk for sciences/Marche pour les sciences”** will take place on 22 April 2017

The aim is to make aware the general public and the politicians of the **importance of science** and of an adequate funding

- **European project CNRS FET-OPEN H2020**

EMS and SMF (representing SMAI, SIF, SFdS) are partners as well as other learned societies, research centers, academies, research funding agencies

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- **IMU visited Paris for the organization of ICM 2022**

We are looking forward to the IMU recommendation (to come soon, in April)