

## **Regulations of the International conferences on Difference Equations and Applications (ICDEA)**

The first international conference on difference equations and applications (ICDEA 1) was held in 1994 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. This was the first conference ever dedicated solely to difference equations and discrete dynamical systems. It grew out of the recognition that the discipline has a great potential to grow and develop its own techniques and theory that are distinctly discrete. For the potential to become a reality, the ICDEA series was established as an annual meeting to serve as a forum to all researchers who utilize discrete dynamics in a significant way. In addition, a new journal (journal of difference equations and applications JDEA) was launched and a proceedings series was initiated.

The discipline has grown considerably since then and in 2001, the international society of difference equations (ISDE) was founded at ICDEA 6. In order to insure that ICDEA meetings serve the goals and objectives set forth by the society, the following regulations shall be adhered to by the organizers of ICDEA.

The board of directors of the society is the final authority on all matters connected with the meetings of the society and the international conferences on difference equations and applications ICDEA.

1. Prospective organizers should submit to the president their proposals to hold an ICDEA meeting at least two years in advance of the proposed meeting. The proposals should follow the guidelines set forth by the board of directors of the society.
2. The board of directors makes its selection based on merit, location, and the commitment of the organizers to abide by the regulations stated in this document and decisions made by the Standing Scientific Committee (SCC) (see 3 below).
3. Upon the approval of the board, the President appoints a Standing Scientific Committee (SSC) and its Chair. At least one of the organizers must be on SSC. The Chair of SSC cannot be a member of the organizing committee. He or she should be highly respected in the mathematical community for his or her integrity and scientific achievements. It is the responsibility of SSC to insure the high scientific quality of the conference. The duties of SSC include the following:
  - 1) The selection of plenary and one-hour speakers
  - 2) The selection of the editors of the proceedings of the conference.
  - 3) The approval of special issues proposals

The selections made by SSC are final.