



A Letter from the President

October 30, 2013



Board Elections

In April/May 2013, the new ISDE Board of Directors was elected and the results were announced on May 2, 2013. The new members of the seventh ISDE Board of Directors are **Linda Allen** (Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA), **Martin Bohner** (Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri, USA), **Jim Cushing** (University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA), **Ondřej Došlý** (Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic), **Saber Elaydi** (Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, USA), **István Györi** (University of Pannonina, Veszprém, Hungary), **Gerasimos Ladas** (University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA), **Allan Peter-**

son (University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA), and **Christian Pötzsche** (Alpen-Adria University, Klagenfurt, Austria). The new Board of Directors then elected **Martin Bohner** as President and **Jim Cushing** as Vice President. According to the ISDE Bylaws, the new Board and the new President and Vice President shall serve a two-year term that has begun on August 1, 2013.

I would like to thank all ISDE members for participating in the Board elections and also all new Board members for their willingness to serve on the ISDE Board of Directors. I would also like to thank the outgoing Board

for their work during the past two years, in particular Vice President **Robert Sacker** and President **Jim Cushing** who has served two terms as president and hence, according to the bylaws, was not eligible for another term. It is a honor and pleasure for me to serve our society as the fourth president following ISDE's outstanding leaders **Bernd Aulbach**, **Saber Elaydi**, and **Jim Cushing**. I will continue to promote our society and its goals in the spirit of my predecessors. Together with the new Board, I will work hard on promoting difference equations and discrete dynamical systems as one of the fundamental subjects in mathematics.



Martin Bohner

ISDE President

Prizes awarded by the Society

The most prestigious award of our society, the Bernd Aulbach Prize, is awarded biennially for significant contributions to the areas of difference equations and/or discrete dynamical systems. In 2013, the Bernd Aulbach Prize was awarded to **Mihał Misiurewicz** (IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA). Mihał Misiurewicz is the second winner of the

Bernd Aulbach Prize. The prize was awarded for the first time in 2011 to **Alexander Sharkovsky** (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine). See later in the Newsletter for a summary of Professor Misiurewicz' accomplishments.

Another prize given by the society is the prize for the best JDEA paper. This

prize is awarded annually. In 2013, the recipient of this prize was **Subrahmonian Moothathu** (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India) for his paper "The speed with which an orbit approaches a limit point", *J. Difference Equ. Appl.* 18 (no. 10), 1611–1621, 2012.





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2013 Conferences of the Society



ICDEA, the International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications, is the flagship conference of our society. It is held annually since 1994. The 2013 ICDEA took place at Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, Oman, May 26–30, 2013. The conference was a big success, and I refer to the summary that appears later in the Newsletter. The society is indebted to the organizers of ICDEA 2013, in particular the Chair of the Organizing Committee, **Ziyad Al-Sharawi**.



PODE, Progress on Difference Equations, is the other conference series of our society. It is held annually since 2007. The 2013 PODE took place at Białystok University of Technology in Białystok, Poland, July 21–26, 2013. This conference was also a big success, and I refer to the summary that appears later in the Newsletter. The society thanks the organizers of PODE 2013, in particular the Chair of the Organizing Committee, **Agnieszka Malinowska**.





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Upcoming Conferences of the Society



I am very happy to announce that the ISDE Board of Directors has approved the following three proposals for ICDEA 2014, PODE 2014, and ICDEA 2015. ICDEA 2014 is just around the corner and will be held at the Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Wuhan, China, July 21–25, 2014. The Chair of the Organizing Committee is **Yiming Ding**. The Scientific Committee for ICDEA 2014, chaired by **Ondřej Došlý**, has been established and is currently selecting the plenary speakers for the conference. The website for ICDEA 2014 is still under construction but is already available at <http://icdea2014.csp.escience.cn>, please check it out now and make your plans to travel to Wuhan this July for ICDEA 2014.



Ufuktepe. The Scientific Committee for PODE 2014, chaired by **Saber Elaydi**, has been established and is currently selecting the plenary speakers for the conference. The website for PODE 2014 is still under construction but it may be already viewed at <http://dm.ieu.edu.tr/pode2014>. Please mark your calendars and make sure not to miss this exciting conference.

ICDEA 2015 was planned to be held in Beirut, Lebanon, but, due to political boundary conditions, this proposal has been postponed. On September 13, 2013, the Board of Directors has approved a proposal for ICDEA 2015 to be held at Białystok University of Technology in Białystok, Poland, July 19–25, 2015. The Chair of the Organizing Committee is **Agnieszka Malinowska**. Currently, a website for ICDEA 2015 is not yet available.

upcoming ICDEA or PODE conference is cordially invited to submit a proposal to me or any of the members of the ISDE Board of Directors. Guidelines for preparing proposals for ICDEA conferences are available on the ISDE website at <http://isdeds.com>. No special format is required for proposals of PODE conferences. The society would like to have ICDEA conferences finalized at least two years in advance. This means, right now is the time to prepare and submit your proposals for ICDEA 2016 and ICDEA 2017. I am looking forward to receiving your proposals for organizing these important conferences. Successful organizations of ICDEA and PODE conferences will continue to demonstrate that the area of difference equations and its applications is an active and important area of research in mathematics.



PODE 2014 will be held in Izmir University of Economics in Izmir, Turkey, May 21–24, 2014. The Chair of the Organizing Committee is **Ünal**

Any ISDE member who wishes to organize an



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ISDE Membership Directory

In the last few months, I have worked hard to combine various ISDE membership lists that were given to me, sometimes containing nothing else but an e-mail address of the member. The product of this work is an html version of the current ISDE Membership Directory. This directory is available only to ISDE members. You may go to the society's website at <http://isdeds.com> and then click on "Members". From there, the ISDE Membership Directory is available by entering a password. This password will be sent to you separately by e-mail. However, I need your help in verifying the details. Please take a moment now and review the information given in the directory. If you find any errors or would like me to change any of the information given in there, please inform me by e-mail to the e-mail address bohner@mst.edu.

During the process of creating the ISDE Membership Directory, I have gathered some information which I would like to share with you today. The society currently

(October 30, 2013) has 537 members. We truly are an international society, and this is manifested by the fact that our members are based in 68 different countries. The countries with the most members are (in that order) USA, China, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, India, Czech Republic, Russia, Germany, Japan, Spain, Ukraine, and Canada.

That said, I ask all of you to help in recruiting even more new members for our society and thus new prospective participants at further ICDEA and PODE conferences. If you know anybody working in the areas of difference equations and/or discrete dynamical systems, please take a moment to invite this person to become a member of ISDE. Applying for ISDE membership is easy: Just go to the society's website at <http://isdeds.com> and click on "Membership application" and fill in the requested information.

The applicant has the option to apply for regular membership (which is free of charge) or to become a sponsoring member of the society. Sponsoring membership is

100 USD a year, and the dues can be paid conveniently online using a credit card or paypal. The funds received through sponsoring memberships help to support the society's activities in developing and enhancing research and education in difference equations and discrete dynamical system. As an ISDE Sponsoring Member, you will receive a reduced registration fee for the annual ICDEA conference and a one-year online subscription to JDEA. Please consider changing your regular membership into a sponsoring membership.

With my Best Regards,