
ICCM Sze Lim Lectures

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1. Mission: Thanks to Mr. Sze Lim LI's generous support in establishing ICCM Sze Lim Lecture Fund (hereafter referred to as "Sze Lim Fund"), there will be ten ICCM Sze Lim Lectures to be held in the Greater China region each year, with aim to popularize and promote Mathematics and its development.
2. The ten annual lectures are to be held in spring and autumn with one in each of the five regions in Greater China. Each event will last for one week, conducted by a speaker (hereafter referred to as "ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professor") who will give at least two talks with one (hereafter referred to as "popular talk") mainly aimed at an audience of over one hundred undergraduate students and high school students.
3. For each event, Sze Lim Fund will provide up to US\$5,000 to the organizer to subsidize the ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professor's honorarium, accommodation, travel and other expenses. The ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professors are world-renowned scholars who should be accorded corresponding treatment, so in addition to the support provided by the organizers such as air tickets (if any), the Sze Lim Fund is willing to provide a more appropriate level of support for them (such as upgrade to Business Class for air-travel). The precise arrangement of the financial support should be included in the application from the organizer, which should also include all of the following items:
 - (a) Total amount of support (if any) from the organizer;
 - (b) Total amount of support (if any) from any Government units;
 - (c) Itemized amount of support for the Sze Lim Chair Professor; and
 - (d) Support requested from the Fund ($d = c - a - b$) (but with a ceiling of US\$5,000).
4. Sze Lim Fund will invite top institutions in the Greater China region to be in the list of organizers for ICCM Sze Lim Lectures. Institutions in the list can submit applications for ICCM Sze Lim Lectures for the coming year, which should include the candidate's CV, the title and abstract of the popular talk referred to in Item 2 and how the organizer will use the event to popularize and promote Mathematics and its development. The selection results will be announced twice a year (in January and August with deadline for applications on December 1 and July 1 respectively). Once the candidate is approved, the organizer is responsible for the implementation of the event (including the issuance of invitations, arrangement of the seminars and lectures).
5. ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professor should provide an article before the end of the event (content may be based on the popular talk mentioned in Item 2), with copyright assigned to Sze Lim Fund. The article will generally be published in *數理人文 (Mathematics, Science, History and Culture)*, published by ICCM. The organizer is responsible for receiving the manuscript of the article from the ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professor on behalf of Sze Lim Fund.
6. Financial arrangements and conditions:
 - (a) Organizing unit must be an ICCM institutional member (see <http://www.iccm.hk>);
 - (b) Organizer should provide the following after the event:
 - i. a brief summary of the event (including dates of visit of the ICCM Sze Lim

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Chair Professor, and dates, titles and abstracts of the lectures);

- ii. a brief summary of financial expenses including the actual financial support for the ICCM Sze Lim Chair Professor and the amount requested from the Fund (with a ceiling of US\$5,000—see Item 3(c) above); and
- iii. the article by the Sze Lim Chair Professor as mentioned in Item 5 above.

Once Items (i), (ii) are verified, Sze Lim Fund will remit the approved funding to the organizer.

7. Besides the CV of the invitee and financial arrangement as stipulated in Items 3 and 4, the organizer can also provide the following items in the application for consideration by the selection committee:

- (a) Intended dates of visit (at least five working days, excluding the weekend and public holidays);
- (b) The title and date of the popular talk, how the talk will be publicized, expected audience size and background (e.g. high school students, undergraduates, general intellectuals, businessmen, government officials), any interactive sessions with audience, and

whether the talk will be videotaped (and whether the tape may be open to the public or with copyright assigned to Sze Lim Fund for further promotion);

- (c) The title and date of the academic talk, the estimated audience size from various background and how it relates and interacts with research of the organizing unit.
8. Applications for the funding to Sze Lim Fund can be made via email to application@ims.cuhk.edu.hk by lodging duly completed application form (with additional sheets if needed and relevant attachments such as invitee's CV), or lodging a tailor-made detailed proposal in place of the form.
 - (a) The deadline for the application for the first round of events (for the period from August 2017 to January 2018) is 1 December 2016; the selection result will be announced in January, 2017.
 - (b) The deadline for the application for the second round of events (for the period from February 2018 to July 2018) is 1 July 2017; the selection result is to be announced in August, 2017.

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