

Polish Mathematical Society

Polish Mathematical Society (PTM) was established in 1919 in Cracow under the name of Cracow Mathematical Society. At present PTM has 18 divisions covering the area of the whole country. The PTM gathers mathematicians first of all connected with higher education and research institutions. The most important objectives of the PTM include supporting mathematical research, applications, popularization of mathematics and mathematical education, cultivating the history of Polish mathematics, as well as integrating and representing the issues of the Polish mathematical environment. The PTM fulfills the objectives, among others, by organizing domestic and international conferences and lectures that popularize mathematics. The PTM publishes six magazines, including "Wiadomości matematyczne" which is a chronicle of the Polish mathematical environment, as well as research magazines with global footprint. The PTM develops international contacts of the Polish mathematics; it is the founding member of the European Mathematical Society.

An important area of the PTM's activities is awarding prizes for achievements in mathematical research, applications of mathematics and its popularization. At present the most important prize is the International Banach Prize for a doctoral dissertation in the mathematical sciences, which has been awarded since 2009 together with the leader of the IT industry – Ericpol Telecom. The patron of the prize – the most famous Polish mathematician – was the president of the Society from 1939 to 1945.

The PTM also undertakes many actions addressed to students interested in mathematics. It was the initiator and for 60 years (1949-2009) it organized the Mathematics Contest. The local divisions of the PTM organize regional maths competitions and undertake other actions aimed at popularizing mathematics among school children. Starting from 2009, within the aid supplied by the European Social Fund, the PTM has been carrying out the project entitled „Together with Mathematics without Limits”, in which 7200 school children participate from more than 180 schools from three provinces of northern and western Poland.

For more information on the activities of the PTM, visit www.ptm.org.pl