

2nd PRIMA Congress Final Report

The second congress of the Pacific Rim Mathematical Association (PRIMA) was hosted by Shanghai Jiaotong University in Shanghai, China on June 24–28, 2013. PRIMA was founded in 2005 as an association of institutes, societies and universities in the Pacific Rim, with the goal of expanding mathematical interactions and activity in the region. The first PRIMA congress was held in Sydney in 2009. PIMS has played a leading role in the establishment and development of PRIMA, and Alejandro Adem delivered a speech at the opening ceremony where he thanked the local hosts for organizing such a splendid event and conveyed the main goals of PRIMA.

This year's PRIMA Congress was very successful; the attendance was over 800, with participants from all over the Pacific Rim, including China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Chile, Colombia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mexico, the USA and Canada. There were eleven excellent plenary talks in a variety of areas of the mathematical sciences as well as 23 special sessions which were remarkable for their diversity and high quality. In addition there were two very entertaining public lectures. The first was by Cedric Villani (recent Fields medallist), entitled "Of Triangles, Gas, Prices and Men"; the second one was delivered by Ronald Graham on "Computers and Mathematics: Problems and Prospects". The meeting was generously funded by a number of institutes and agencies in the Pacific Rim, and Prof. Shi Jin and his colleagues from Shanghai Jiaotong did a wonderful job as local organizers.

The next PRIMA Congress will be held in the summer of 2017 in Oaxaca, Mexico.