



IMS 2008 June 20-24th

9th International Mathematica Symposium – Maastricht, The Netherlands

Dear *Mathematica* User,

We invite you with great pleasure to

International *Mathematica* Symposium (IMS) 2008
June 20-24, Maastricht, the Netherlands.

The International *Mathematica* Symposium is an interdisciplinary conference for *Mathematica* users in mathematics, natural and life sciences, engineering, computer science, education, industry and commerce, social sciences and law, graphics, design and architecture, and arts and music. If you use *Mathematica* in research or teaching, or if you are developing products based on *Mathematica*, then the Symposium is a unique opportunity to share your results with like-minded colleagues.

Prominent Wolfram Research staff members will discuss and explain the latest software developments and give in-depth introductions to the new features of *Mathematica* 6. IMS has a deserved reputation as an exceptionally convivial and friendly gathering. Come and celebrate with us the 20th *Mathematica* anniversary on the June 23, 2008, in the heart of Europe.



The International *Mathematica* Symposium is a 5-day, 2-track conference with sessions for a wide range of disciplines, with distinguished keynotes, workshops, lectures, and discussion panels. To emphasize *Mathematica* and the life sciences, we invite IMS participants to an optional high-tech tour around Maastricht University Hospital the afternoon of Saturday, June 21. Several alternative leisure tours in and around Maastricht are offered as well. Sunday, June 22 is devoted to *Mathematica* in education, and a special one-day admission is available for those who wish to attend only this day. This Education Day will focus on *Mathematica* applications for school and university, and will highlight *Mathematica* features particularly suited for this purpose.

Maastricht, a medieval town in the South of the Netherlands and birthplace of the European Union in 1992, provides a beautiful backdrop for the upcoming IMS. The Symposium will take place in the exquisite, state-of-the-art lecture halls of Maastricht University in the historic city center.

Call for Abstracts:

We welcome abstracts for three kinds of submissions:

- The preferred form of submission is a paper provided via a *Mathematica* notebook with *The Mathematica Journal* stylesheet.
- Instead of posters we promote the submission of *Mathematica* Demonstrations as described on [The Wolfram Demonstrations Project](#).
- We also welcome talks or workshops without subsequent publication. These should be given as *Mathematica* slide shows.

Details and templates for all submission types are available on our [website](#). Abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee, and full papers, Demonstrations, talks, or workshop tutorials will be requested for those accepted. The Symposium is refereed, and proceedings will be published with ISBN on CD for the conference and electronically thereafter. Outstanding papers are eligible for subsequent publication in [The Mathematica Journal](#).

Important Dates:

Closing date for abstract submission	January 21
Notification of acceptance	February 4
Deadline for final submission	March 24
Deadline for early registration	May 1
Symposium from Friday to Tuesday	June 20-24
Education Day on Sunday	June 22

Registration and Prices:

Register at the 9th International *Mathematica* Symposium [website](#). The registration fee for the 5-day symposium is € 380 (incl. tax). This low fee applies to commercial and academic participants who register before May 1, 2008. Thereafter, a late registration fee of € 460 (incl. tax) will be in effect.

The Education Day, on Sunday, June 22, is included in the full IMS registration fee. You may also register solely for the Education Day, at a cost of € 40 (incl. tax) before May 1 or € 50 thereafter.

The gastronomic conference dinner on Sunday, June 22 in the amazing man-made caves of Geulhem can be booked for € 65 (optional).



Caverne de Geulhem near Maastricht, the Netherlands

Travel Information:

Travel tips and hotel reservations are provided on the [IMS website](#). Maastricht is a touristic hot spot, and early booking for the month of June is advised.

Furthermore, Maastricht, due to its central location, is an ideal starting or end point for travel throughout Europe. Several international and low-budget [airports](#) are nearby (see map below). Maastricht has a [Eurolines](#) bus stop. IMS 2008 includes a weekend to keep travel costs low.



You find additional information on our [website](#).

Please reserve June 20-24, 2008, in your agenda. Hope to meet you all in Maastricht!

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