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**Extended Call for
nominations for the
2017 ICMI Awards:
Deadline: June 15,
2017**

This special issue of the ICMI Newsletter is devoted to the following important announcement on behalf of Professor Anna Sfard, Chair of the Felix Klein and the Hans Freudenthal Awards Committee.

Dear Colleagues,

Would you like to do something important for the community of research in mathematics education? You may consider nominating a candidate for the Felix Klein or the Hans Freudenthal Awards, the two highest distinctions conferred by the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI).

When you acknowledge in this way some central contribution to our collective attempts to understand and improve mathematics education, you do much more than rewarding those who deserve the recognition. Nominating a candidate is also, perhaps above all, an act of building our collective identity and, as such, it contributes to the professional identities of its members.

Because of the importance of the enterprise, the Awards Committee decided to **extend the call for nominations to 15 June 2017**.

So now, in the middle of your daily affairs, why don't you pause for a moment and ask yourself whether any of your colleagues deserve acknowledgment for excellence in research. Consider those whom you know personally and those with whom you are acquainted only through their scholarship. Look around carefully, asking yourself whether any of them inspired you, opened your eyes to things you never knew existed, made you think in new ways, led you to exciting insights about how people learn or teach mathematics. Is there anybody whose name has been appearing in your publications over and over again simply because you have been systematically building on that person's work? Have many other people been benefiting in a similar way from that person's contributions? If there is such an individual, he or she may deserve your nomination for either the Felix Klein or the Hans Freudenthal Award. Submitting this nomination is this one important thing you can do for the sake of us all. So please, see the extended ICMI Awards call appended below and consider nominating your candidate.

Hoping to be in touch with you soon again,

Anna Sfard,

Chair of the Awards Committee

Extended Call for nominations for the 2017 ICMI Awards

Since 2003, the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) offers biennially two awards to recognise outstanding accomplishments in mathematics education research: the Felix Klein Medal and the Hans Freudenthal Medal.

The **Felix Klein** medal is awarded for life-time achievement in mathematics education research. This award is aimed at acknowledging excellent senior scholars who have made a field-defining contribution over their professional life. Past candidates have been influential and have had an impact both at the national level within their own countries and at the international level. We have valued in the past those candidates who not only have made substantial research contributions, but also have introduced new issues, ideas, perspectives, and critical reflections. Additional considerations have included leadership roles, mentoring, and peer recognition, as well as the actual or potential relationship between the research done and improvement of mathematics education at large, through connections between research and practice.



The **Hans Freudenthal** medal is aimed at acknowledging the outstanding contributions of an individual's theoretically robust and highly coherent research programme. It honours a scholar who has initiated a new research programme and has brought it to maturation over the past 10 years. The research programme is one that has had an impact on our community. Freudenthal awardees should also be researchers whose work is ongoing and who can be expected to continue contributing to the field. In brief, the criteria for this award are depth, novelty, sustainability, and impact of the research programme.



For further information about the awards and for the names of past awardees (seven Freudenthal Medals and seven Klein Medals, to date), see

<http://www.mathunion.org/icmi/activities/awards/the-klein-and-freudenthal-medals/>

The Klein and Freudenthal Awards Committee consists of a chair (Professor Anna Sfard) nominated by the President of ICMI, and five other members who remain anonymous until their terms have come to an end. The Committee is at this time entering the 2017 cycle of selecting awardees and welcomes nominations for the two awards from individuals or groups of individuals in the mathematics education community.

Nominations for the Felix Klein Award should include the following:

- 1) a document (max. 8 pages) describing *the achievements of the nominee* (e.g., his or her theoretical contribution and/or empirical research, leadership roles, graduate supervision and mentoring, and peer recognition) and *reasons for the nomination* (including a description of the nominee's impact on the field);
- 2) a one-page *summarizing statement*;
- 3) a *curriculum vitae* of the nominee (max 20 pages);
- 4) electronic copies of three of the nominee's *key publications*;
- 5) three *letters of support* (preferably from different countries); and
- 6) additional names and e-mail addresses of *two persons* other than the nominee herself or himself who could provide further information, if needed.

Nominations for the Hans Freudenthal Award should include the following:

- 1) a document (max 5 pages) describing the *nominee's research programme* and *reasons for the nomination* (including a description of the nominee's impact on the field);
- 2) a one-page *summarizing statement*;
- 3) a *curriculum vitae* of the nominee (max 10 pages);
- 4) electronic copies of three of the nominee's *key publications*;
- 5) three *letters of support* (from different countries, if possible); and
- 6) additional names and e-mail addresses of *two persons* other than the nominee herself or himself who could provide further information, if needed.

All nominations must be sent by **e-mail** to the Chair of the Committee (annasd@edu.haifa.ac.il, sfard@netvision.net.il) no later than **15 June 2017**.

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