

## Call for bids for Host YERME Summer School in 2026

YESS, the YERME Summer School for Early Career Researchers, is organised on specific topics and related to the work of ERME as presented in associated Topic Working Groups (TWG) at CERME conferences.

The ERME board calls for mathematics education research groups willing to do an important service to the YERME community by submitting a bid to host the next Summer School. (Experience with CERME events would be helpful).

Please apply until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 by email to  
Carl Winsløw (winslow@ind.ku.dk), President of ERME,

using the cover letter shown at the last page (including the rest of the application as one pdf file). This file would serve, with possible amendments, as main document in the contract to be signed by the successful LO, within 10 days of the communication of the result.

If you have any questions on planning and necessities of the Summer School, do not hesitate to ask Carl Winsløw. The decision on the venue will be taken by the ERME board prior to CERME 15 at which the venue is to be announced.

### Rationale

In line with the ERME Manifesto, the aims of the Summer School are:

- to let people from different countries meet and establish a friendly and cooperative style of work in the field of mathematics education research;
- to let people compare and integrate their preparation in the field of mathematics education research in a peer discussion climate with the help of highly qualified experts from various research areas;
- to let people present their research ideas, theoretical thoughts, methodological approaches or problems, and preliminary research results, in order to get suggestions (from other participants and experts) about possible developments, different perspectives, etc. and open the way to possible connections with nearby research projects and co-operation with researchers in other countries.

YERME Summer Schools normally take place in the year between two CERMEs, which means that we are now looking at YESS to be held in 2026. Since CERME14 will be held in February 2025 and CERME15 is planned for February 2027, late spring to early autumn 2026 would be a good time for the next YERME Summer School, the YESS 14. YESS should be held in one of the countries listed in Article 8 of <http://erme.site/organization/> and build on European research while valuing wider perspectives. The preparation of the YESS should follow a procedure similar to the preparation of CERME, using similar guidelines, with suitable adaptations as seen necessary. The preparatory work for a YESS will be done by the local organising committee (LOC) who have proposed the conference.

# APPLICATION FOR HOSTING YESS 14 (2026)

## 1. General conditions

The university is willing to host YESS 14 in 2026 and accepts the aims and vision of the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (ERME, see <http://erme.site>).

Our application refers to the following general conditions:

- Time: late spring to early autumn 2026
- Place: The Local Organizer (LO) offers a place with good and cheap flight connections and with good working facilities at the conference venue.
- Accommodation: It has a good standard with inexpensive options and is close to conference place. It includes not expensive Internet connection. Student dormitories are usually chosen as an option (Note: vacancy in student dormitories may imply the selection of the dates for the summer school, e.g. during holidays)
- Duration: six days (from Monday to Saturday, with a preceding day of arrival on the Sunday before and a succeeding day of departure on the Sunday after).
- Participants: facilities are required for up to 100 participants (84 phd students: each of the seven TWGs has 12 places; seven TWG leaders and 3 IPC members and eventually two external speakers). University facilities or similar are usually preferred and to be provided free of charge, as a possible commitment or sponsorship “in natura” (documentation in appendix as mentioned above).
- Programme: It will be decided by an International Programme Committee (which includes the local chair). The programme includes in particular seven plenary lectures, one or two plenary discussion groups and seven parallel topic working groups (seven rooms for group work are needed plus a bigger one for all participants during the plenaries).
- Budget: The LO submits a calculation in which all costs are listed (expected incomes and expected expenses), including the support from ERME (9000€ for everybody), which includes the support of 5000 € for applicants from non-affluent countries. Notice that the ERME pays out the support in one payment, while all other transactions are made directly from and to the LO. The Summer School fee must be kept in a very reasonable range, preferably **under** 550€ including accommodation with full board (all meals) as well as an excursion, which should not be an optional cost for reasons of inclusion.
- A financial report must be submitted to the treasurer of ERME no later than 3 months after the end of YESS. Ideally there should be no significant surplus and certainly no deficit; ERME does not cover deficits and any surplus should be used to improve the event if at all possible.
- The online submission system and the registration system must be organized using a tool like sciencesconf (please use one that is free of charge, given the modest size of the event).

The preparation of the conference includes setting up a website in coordination with the ERME website, with all information about scientific program, the venue and the accommodation. For the online submission and registration, the timeline should approximately follow that of YESS 13 (see <https://yess13.unican.es>).

## **2. The Hosting University and the Local Organizing team**

Please insert here

- a) a short description (about 15 lines) of the Hosting University including its contribution to mathematics education (please indicate also the web site).
- b) a short description (about 15 lines) of the LO team (chair, members – including CERME experience) and the responsibility that each member of the team will take.

## **3. Time and place**

Please insert here information about

- a) the suggested days in 2026 and comment on their advantages and disadvantages, particularly possible overlapping with other events.
- b) the suggested place (including distance to airports, flight connections with fares, transport to the venue, and other information that might be useful) and comment on its advantages and disadvantages (the possibility of providing rooms for all activities, the equipment of the rooms, and the general conditions including the web connection)
- c) the accommodation and selection of meals provided (including possibility of vegetarian and further options like kosher food)
- d) the facilities at the venue (plenary room, working rooms, technology, computer- and internet access, ...)
- e) the possibility of a social event/excursion.
- g) the climate at the venue on the dates proposed.

## **4. Budget**

The budget should include

- a) Income
  - Fees from participants (including registration and ERME membership) should ideally not be above 550€
  - Support from institutions and companies can help to keep the fees low; please detail and document commitments by letters in an appendix.

## b) Expenses

- Accommodation for the participants, the TWG leaders, 3 IPC members and potential external plenary speakers
- Provided meals
- Social event / Excursion
- Organisation
- Rooms and equipment
  - For participants
  - For IPC members and TWG leaders
- Support to participants
- the conference dinner must be included in the fee
- Travel expenses of the TWG leaders and potential external plenary speakers
- Are there further costs for the participants to be expected?

## 5. Further time plan

Please make sure that you have considered the following points after being selected to organize YESS:

The first months right after the selection:

- Close arrangements and reservations with restaurants, the university, etc., as soon as possible after being selected for organizing YESS
- Keep the budget updated and reporting any change to the international committee
- Set up a Website no later than a year before the dates
- Assign roles to the various LOC members (website administration, communication with participants, dealing with emergencies during the summer school, transfers, catering, technical support, etc.)

One year before the event:

- Keep the Budget updated and negotiate any change with the ERME board (address treasurer and president)
- Run the Website and update it with suggestions from the IPC
- Assist TWG experts and IPC members on their travel arrangements
- Design a timetable of YESS activities in cooperation with the IPC
- Planning the logistics of the summer school (excursion, everyday dinner, transfers of the TWG leaders and IPC members from/to the airport)
- Designing and operating the registration tool
- Planning additional activities (e.g. welcome and farewell dinner/meeting with the TWG leaders and the IPC, meeting with university authorities, etc.)
- Ensuring WIFI connection for all participants
- Preparing the certificates of participation in cooperation with the IPC chair

**APPENDIX:**

**Some further comments that should be taken into consideration in the application:**

**Basic requirements for the conference venue (=must have):**

- 1 auditorium (seating capacity for 100 people)
  - at least 7 rooms for group work (for 12 students each), all equipped with a data projector and overhead projector
  - computer access by wireless network for the participants
  - working space for participants, especially if the hotel is not very close.
  - A room for IPC members and TWG leaders to meet.

**Suggestions to Local Organizers and Program Committee:**

- The conference venue should preferably be close to the accommodation and to the place where participants have lunch and dinner. An ideal conference location (including accommodation, conference venue and meals) would be situated with good facilities in the same location within a short (top 10 minutes) walking distance from a lively town with, for example, shopping possibilities.
- Certificates and receipts: These should be given to all participants. It is advisable to prepare the receipt of the registration fee for all participants in advance.

## Appendix: Cover letter form

*Please use an official University letter for this cover letter, and send the letter (with signature/s), together with the bid, as one pdf-file, by **1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**.*

### Application for Hosting YESS 14 - 2026

From:

University of ...

Name and title/function of official representative ... Address

Phone

email

website

To:

Carl Winsløw, President of ERME, winslow@ind.ku.dk

**Subject: Application letter for hosting YESS 14 (2026)**

**Dear board members of the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (ERME)**

Herewith, the University of xy, Department of xy, applies to host the 14<sup>th</sup> YERME Summer School for Early Career European Researchers in Mathematics Education in our country. In the attachment (same file), we include all necessary information about the hosting University and the local organization.

We are looking forward to getting the decision of the ERME board by the end of November, 2024.

Best wishes

Signature Signature

(Official representative of University) (Chair of prospected Local Organizing Team)