

## Call for bids to host the 15<sup>th</sup> YERME Summer School in 2028

YESS, the YERME Summer School for Early Career Researchers, is organised on specific topics and is related to the work of ERME as presented in associated Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) 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, YESS 15 in 2028 using the cover letter shown at the last page of the call.

Please submit the cover letter and the rest of the application as one pdf file to Frode Rønning, President of ERME, [frode.ronning@ntnu.no](mailto:frode.ronning@ntnu.no) by **30.11.2026**.

This file would serve, with possible amendments, as the main document in the contract to be signed by the successful Local Organisation (LO).

If you have any questions on planning and necessities of the Summer School, do not hesitate to ask Frode Rønning, Derya Diana Cosan ([deryacosan@hotmail.com](mailto:deryacosan@hotmail.com)) or Luca Lamanna ([luca.lamanna@unimi.it](mailto:luca.lamanna@unimi.it)). The decision on the venue will be taken by the ERME board by early January 2027, and it is expected that the successful LO confirms that they will take on the task within two days after the decision is communicated and that the contract can be signed within 10 days of the communication of the result. The venue will then be announced at CERME15 in February 2027.

### Rationale

In line with the ERME spirit and values, 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 engage in a peer discussion climate about their work 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 development, 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 YESS15 to be held in 2028. Since CERME15 will be held in February 2027 and CERME16 is planned for February 2029, from July to August 2028 would be a good time for the next YERME Summer School. YESS15 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 school.

# APPLICATION FOR HOSTING YESS 15 (2028)

## 1. General conditions

The university is willing to host YESS15 in 2028 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: July to August 2028
- Place: The Local Organizer (LO) offers a place with good and affordable travel connections and with good working facilities at the conference venue. Please consider all kinds of travel connections, in particular possibilities to travel in environmentally friendly ways.
- Accommodation: It should have a good standard with inexpensive options and be close to the summer school venue. It should provide stable 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 summer holidays).
- Duration: Up to six days (with a preceding day of arrival and a succeeding day of departure).
- Participants: Facilities are required for up to 100-110 participants (each of the seven TWGs has 12-14 places, according to venue availability; 7 TWG leaders and 4 IPC members – in the last two cases, a non-shared accommodation would be preferable). University facilities or similar are usually preferred and to be provided free of charge, as a possible commitment or sponsorship “in kind” (documentation in appendix as mentioned above).
- Programme: This is decided by an International Programme Committee (which includes the local chair). The programme includes, in particular, (at least) three 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€ in total), 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** 600€ including accommodation with full board (all meals) as well. An excursion of some kind should be provided without extra 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, for which the local organizing committee is responsible (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 YESS13 or YESS14 (see <https://yess13.unican.es> and <https://www.uu.nl/yess14>).

## **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 ERME 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 2028 and comments on their advantages and disadvantages, particularly possible overlapping with other events, together with reasons that make this proposal a good fit for the upcoming YESS15.
- b) the suggested place (including details about travel connections, transport from hotels 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 Internet connection). Please consider all kinds of travel connections, in particular possibilities to travel in environmentally friendly ways.
- c) the accommodation and selection of meals provided. In connection with meals, relevant dietary restrictions must be taken into consideration.
- d) the facilities at the venue: plenary room, working rooms, technology, computer- and internet access, ...
- e) the possibility of a social event/excursion.
- f) the climate at the venue on the dates proposed.

#### **4. Budget**

The budget should include

##### a) Income

- Fees from participants (including registration, accommodation and meals) should ideally not be above 600€
- 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, 4 IPC members
- 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 IPC members
- Are there further costs for the participants to be expected?

#### **5. Further timeline**

The ERME Board suggests the following timeline after the decision is made and the venue is announced. Please comment on this.

**Apr./May 2027** First meetings with IPC chair and co-chair, LOC chair and YERME representatives

**Aug. 2027** Website for YESS15 ready

**Nov. 2027** First announcement

**Dec. 2027** Opening of the submission period

**Jan. 30 2028** Closing of the submission period

**Mar. 2028** Decision of acceptance of abstracts

**Apr. 2028** Deadline for registration and payment

**Early June 2028** Submission of extended papers

**July/August 2028 YESS15** summer school

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 report any change to the IPC
- 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 lunch/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 that must be fulfilled by the conference venue:**

- 1 auditorium with seating capacity for 100-110 people
- at least 7 rooms for group work (for 12-14 students each), all equipped with a projector.
- fast and stable Internet access for the participants.
- working space for participants, especially if the venue is far from the hotel 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 accomodation 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 30 November 2026.***

### Application for Hosting YESS 15 - 2028

From:

University of ...

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

Phone

email

website

To:

Frode Rønning, President of ERME, [frode.ronning@ntnu.no](mailto:frode.ronning@ntnu.no)

**Subject: Application letter for hosting YESS 15 (2028)**

**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 15<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 hope for a positive decision by the ERME board.

Best wishes

Signature Signature

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