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We hope to see you in Recife for IACME XIII

**1961-2011: 50 YEARS OF IACME**



**XIII<sup>th</sup> INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MATH EDUCATION (IACME XIII)**  
**A regional meeting associated to the *International Commission on Math Instruction (ICMI)***

June 26 to 29, 2011, Recife Palace Hotel, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, BRAZIL

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Interamerican Committee on Math Education (IACME) invites educators, researchers and specialists in Math Education from throughout the Americas and other parts of the world to the XIIIth Interamerican Conference on Math Education in Recife, Brazil, in June of 2011, the year in which IACME will be celebrating its 50 year golden anniversary.

We expect that the hospitality of Northeastern Brazil, with its diversity of Native American, European and African cultures, will invite participants to join us as we seek a better future for Math Education on the American continents.

In this document we present part of the history of IACME and principal features of the program planned for the IACME XIII.

**Official Languages:** Spanish, Portuguese, English and French.

### Goal of the Conference:

Promote collaboration on Math Education in the Americas among institutions and researchers.

### Themes

Although IACME XIII will include all themes concerning the teaching and learning of Mathematics, we wish to emphasize two themes because of their importance to the region:

- Preparation of Math Teachers: Pre-service and In-service
- Problem Solving



## Origins of IACME

The Interamerican Committee on Math Education (IACME) was founded in 1961 by a group of mathematicians and math educators from the three Americas, led by the eminent mathematician, Marshall Stone, from the United States, who at the time was President of the *International Commission on Mathematical Instruction* (ICMI). From its beginning, IACME has been a regional organization associated with ICMI.

The principal goal of IACME has been to bring together educators from the Americas to improve Math Education, but, especially, to promote the development of countries in Latin America. IACME has been the bridge between Math Educators in the North and the South, and today its vision is more international.

**The IACME Conferences place an emphasis on academic and scientific quality, focusing on research results and serious proposals for improving Math Education.**

Since its creation in 1961, the following have occupied the IACME Presidency: Marshall Stone (1961-1972), Luis Santaló (1972-1979), Ubiratan D'Ambrosio (1979-1987), Eduardo Luna (1987-1995), Fidel Oteiza (1995-1999), Carlos Vasco (1999-2003), Salett Biembengut (2003-2007) and Ángel Ruiz (2007-2011).

## Previous Conferences

The first *Interamerican Conference on Math Education* was held in Bogota, Colombia, in 1961. There the first IACME Executive Committee was created. The second *Interamerican Conference on Math Education* followed in 1966, in Lima, Peru.



These first Conferences helped to promote a productive Math Education movement in the Americas, despite geographic barriers, problems with communication, and, of course, economic difficulties. Since then, Conferences have been held regularly, usually a year before ICMEs: Bahia Blanca, Argentina in 1972; Caracas, Venezuela in 1975; Campinas, Brazil in 1979; Guadalajara, Mexico in 1985; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 1987; Miami, USA in 1991; Santiago, Chile in 1995; Maldonado, Uruguay in 1999; Blumenau, Brazil in 2003; and Queretaro, Mexico in 2007.

## Information about the Recife and its University

The Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) is considered to be one of the best institutions of higher education in Brazil. UFPE offers dozens of degree programs – including Mathematics Teaching – and many postgraduate programs – some with a focus on research in Math Education.

In particular, UFPE has the distinction of having several groups that have developed research in the area of pre-service and in-service Math teacher preparation. Recently, UFPE began a Masters program directly related to Math Education and Technology (EDUMATEC).

The city of Recife – located in the northeast of Brazil – is known for its friendly people, excellent hotels with infrastructure for international events, and great variety of tourist attractions.

