

1974 International Congress of Mathematicians fonds

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Fonds Description

1974 International Congress of Mathematicians fonds. – 1971-1974.

27.5 cm of textual records.

12 photographs.

Administrative History

The first meeting of international mathematicians was held in 1893 as part of a scientific and cultural program organized in conjunction with Chicago's World Fair. Encouraged by the success of the gathering, the participants moved to establish a congress on a regular basis. The initial meeting of the International Congress of Mathematicians (I.C.M.) was held in Switzerland in 1897 and has subsequently become a quadrennial event. Successive congresses have provided an important forum for information exchange which has helped shape mathematical knowledge. In 1974, the I.C.M. was staged at the University of British Columbia.

Custodial History

The records were in the custody of Maurice Sion, chairman of the local arrangements committee.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of correspondence, programs, photographs, memorabilia and proceedings of the 1974 Congress. Also included in the fonds are some records of the Canadian Mathematical Congress, which served as official host for the event.

Photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 121.1\)](#).

File List

BOX 1

1-1/2 Canadian Mathematical Congress (July 1971 - August 1973)

1-3 Local Arrangements Committee (1974)

1-4 Speeches and Scheduling (1974)

1-5 Conference Announcements

1-6 Memorabilia

1-7/8 Photographs

1-9 Conference Proceedings

BOX 2

Conference Kit

Computer printout of conference participants