

Dear colleagues,

During last few weeks it became transparently clear that there is a strong danger of ruining of Kamea program.

Recall that this program creates funding for hundreds of scientists, mainly from former USSR, who came to Israel during last 15-20 years.

Essential part of these scientists are mathematicians. During last decade financial and logistical status of the participants of Kamea was reasonably stable.

At some moment we were pleased to start to believe that our part of scientific community is recognised as an essential ingredient of Israeli Academia.

Now it is clear that our illusions are finished. Participants of Kamea are forced in extraordinary circumstances to make pressure on government structures, to participate in demonstrations, to cry on squares about their rights.

During long time, we however used to different standards: to publish papers, to teach students, to govern scientific seminars, to host colleagues from other countries, to advise young scientists, to work as visiting professors around the world, to represent Israel on conferences, to struggle in an honest competition for research grants, and after that to fulfil challenging projects, to admire freedom of ongoing scientific research, to enjoy lucky mathematical insights.

I am sure that the scientific community of IMU is a strong part of Israeli Academia.

Please raise your voice against cinic bureacratical games. Please tell your opinion to a wide audience of Israeli society via newspapers, TV and other kinds of mass media. Please express efficient solidarity with your colleagues.

It is still not too late.

Make all your best to defend status of Kamea program at least on the level of the last 10 years.

Thank you.

Best regards,
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