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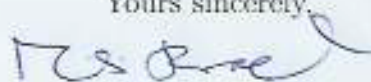
Dear Colleagues,

Many of you are no doubt aware that 2012 marks the 125th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan. I am happy to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Society has taken the initiative to set in motion year long celebrations of the landmark year to start from December 22, 2011. A National Committee for the Celebrations has been formed with the Honourable Minister for Human Resources Development, Shri Kapil Sibal in the chair, myself as Vice-Chair and convener and Professor Dinesh Singh as Secretary. The other members of the Committee are Professor R.P. Bambah, Professor M.S. Narasimhan, Professor C.S. Seshadri, Dr.S. Banerjee (Secretary DAE), Dr. T. Ramasami (Secretary DST) and Shrimati Vibha Puri Das (Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD). An Organising Committee which will formulate and implement mathematical activities through the year has also been formed. Its composition is as follows: Professors M.S. Raghunathan (Chair), Dinesh Singh (Secretary), R. Balasubramanian, Rajendra Bhatia, S.G. Dani, Rajeeva Karandikar, Gadadhar Misra, Bimal Roy, Kalyan Sinha and Rajat Tandon.

We have requested the Government of India to declare the year 2012 as "National Mathematical Year" and intend starting the celebrations with an inaugural function in Chennai on 22/12/2011. Efforts are also on to have December 22 declared "National Mathematics day".

The RMS Executive Committee will issue circulars from time to time informing the membership of the activities planned as and when they are finalised. The EC looks forward to the enthusiastic participation of the mathematical community - in particular the membership of the RMS - in the diverse activities planned for the year.

Yours sincerely,



(M.S. Raghunathan)