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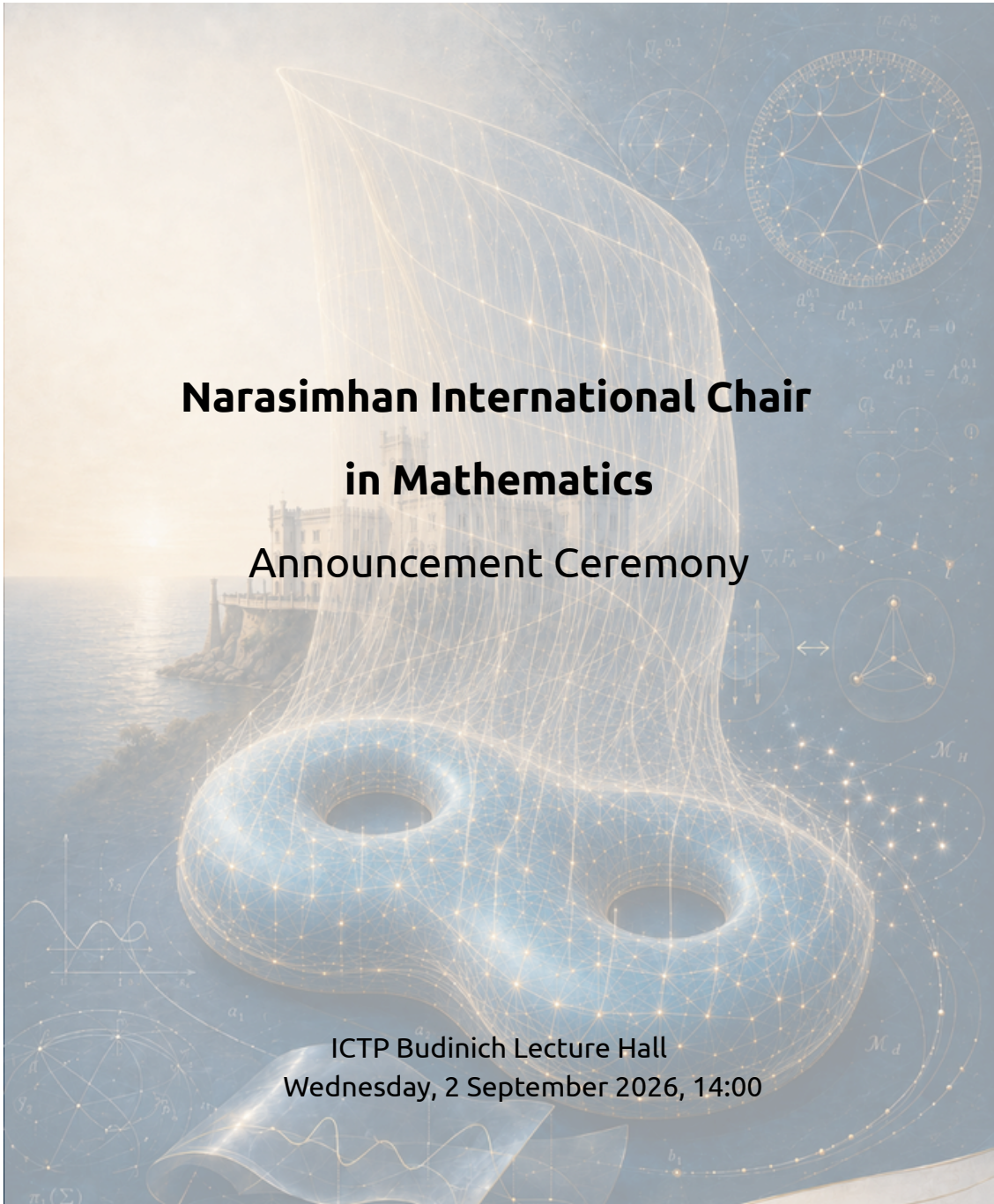

Narasimhan International Chair in Mathematics

Announcement Ceremony

ICTP Budinich Lecture Hall
Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 14:00

ABOUT MUDUMBAI SESHACHALU NARASIMHAN

Mudumbai Seshachalu Narasimhan (1932 – 2021) was an Indian mathematician and a pioneer in the study of moduli spaces of holomorphic vector bundles on projective varieties. He is especially known for his collaboration with C. S. Seshadri and their proof of the Narasimhan–Seshadri theorem, which proved the necessary conditions for stable vector bundles on a Riemann surface.

Narasimhan was the head of ICTP's Mathematics section from 1993 to 1999 and later served as a member of its Scientific Council. His work earned him prestigious awards, including France's Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (1989), the Padma Bhushan Award by the President of India (1990), the C.V. Raman Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress (1994), the 2006 King Faisal Prize, and the Spirit of Abdus Salam Award (2020).

ABOUT THE CHAIRHOLDER

Xiaohua Zhu is a mathematician and a professor at Capital Normal University in China. He received his Ph.D. from Hangzhou University (now Zhejiang University) and worked at Peking University from 1997 to 2026, first as a postdoc, then as a faculty member and, from 2001, as a professor. From 2002 to 2004, he was a researcher at the Mathematical Sciences Institute, Australian National University.

His research focuses on differential geometry and geometric analysis, particularly on the Kähler-Ricci flow, the existence of metrics on Fano manifolds, and high-dimensional Ricci solitons. He has been awarded numerous honours, including the Qiu Shi Outstanding Young Scholar Award (2001), the ICTP Prize (2005), the National Natural Science Award (2014), and the Shiing Shen Chern Mathematics Award (2019).

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PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremonies:
Claudio Arezzo, Head of ICTP's Mathematics section

14:00 Opening Remarks

14:05 Remembering M. S. Narasimhan:

Shobhana Narasimhan
Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

T. R. Ramadas (online)
Chennai Mathematical Institute

Tian Gang
Peking University

Video testimonials

14:40 Appointment of Prof. Xiaohua Zhu

14:50 Acceptance speech

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.