International Conference on Magnetism (ICM) is held every three years under the auspices of IUPAP. The last one took place in July 2009 in Karlsruhe, Germany. The next will be in July 2012 in Busan, Korea.

The venue of ICM in 2015 has been decided to be in Barcelona, Spain. During the process of the decision making, the following problem was revealed:
The ICM has not been held in North America since 1985.
One of the reasons is that ICM conflicts with the conferences organized by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in size and subjects such as Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials (MMM) and Conference on Applied Magnetics and Information Storage Technologies (Intermag).
On January 17, 2009, the C9 Committee members met a representative of IEEE and discussed a possibility of ICM being coorganized with IEEE. However, we have found many issues to be overcome.
Discussion has been continued with IEEE.