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Prof Radu Gologan,
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Dear Prof Gologan,

I understand that your splendid society has awarded me a *Diploma of Excellence* for my work in olympiad mathematics, and that József Pelikán and Zuming Feng have also been honoured. It is going to be difficult to deserve this honour, especially given the illustrious company in which I find myself. I will do my best.

Romania has played a remarkable role in mathematics competitions. Of course the original 1959 IMO was held in Bucharest, and Romania has hosted the IMO on five occasions (which is two more occasions than any other country). We have now had five editions of the Romanian Master of Mathematics competition, and it has rapidly developed a reputation as the hardest mathematics competition in the world.

I salute the many wonderful achievements of Romania's mathematicians, and Romania's special role in the development of competitions.

Yours sincerely

Dr Geoff Smith MBE