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International Meeting of Collectors and Researchers of  
Slide Rules and other Historic Computing Instruments  
Bonn, September 22–23, 2017

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We invite you to submit your presentation for the IM 2017 in Bonn. Traditionally, the main subjects of IM presentations are slide rules and other computational aids based on logarithms, but we are also interested in other types of mathematical instruments, like integrators, mechanical calculators, and tables. The focus is not on just getting a numerical result; we particularly value reports about applications and how specific instruments, like special purpose slide rules, solved the problem at hand. Furthermore, talks on educational and training issues are most welcome.

Traditionally, we have a theme for a group of sessions. In the past we had all kinds of themes, e.g. addressing particular features of instruments, or periods, or applications. It was looking for something special. This year's theme is the other way around: We are interested in aspects of the everyday use of slide rules or other devices. Whether it is some personal or a professional task, people do calculate as part of it, and they often do it without even thinking about computations. They just do it. And they do it with the instruments at hand. This in turn raises questions of tool quality, appropriateness, availability, costs, usability, packaging, transportability, reliability, handling in unfriendly environments, and many aspects more. We are interested your ideas and experiences around these issues and ask for papers resp. presentations for IM 2017 under the heading

## Calculating in Everyday Life

Due to the kind of papers we solicit for this theme we anticipate both short papers for brief presentations as well as the usual full length treatments. Furthermore, we may also accept multiple short papers by an author.

Next to conference sessions addressing the theme above, we will have others for all kinds of issues around slide rules or any other mathematical devices, like tables, mechanical calculators, planimeters, and whatever ingenious people invented to help us to compute.

The conference language is English, with no preference of either English or American English. But please be consistent. In case of language problems, we will arrange help by some native speaker.

We ask you to inform us about your intention to submit a paper as soon as possible to help us with the planning of the conference, as well as its proceedings. The proceedings of IM 2017 will be professionally typeset as a book, just like the one for IM 2013 in Berlin. Early paper submission is much appreciated to help spread the workload. In particular with respect to illustrations and their preparation, we would like to hear from you as early as possible. We will send prospective authors some guidelines, but you can start writing your paper right now with the text processor of your choice.

<b>Essential dates</b>	01.04.2017	latest notice of intent of submission wanted
— extended deadlines —	15.05.2017	deadline for the submission of your paper
	15.06.2017	final version of the paper due

Please direct all your correspondence to the conference chairman, Prof. Karl Kleine, preferably by email: [kleine@im2017.org](mailto:kleine@im2017.org). Further information about IM 2017 can be found on the web at