

IM 2008 Information

14th International Meeting of Slide Rules & Historical Calculating Instrument Collectors September 19-20th, 2008 Royal Leamington Spa, England

The UK Slide Rule Circle (UKSRC) is honoured to again be hosting this prestigious annual event and invites all who are interested in the collection and history of slide rules and other calculating instruments to attend. As usual we will be welcoming delegates from around the world and look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Venue

For 2008 we will be returning to Royal Leamington Spa and to the same hotel that we used in 2002, however the hotel is now under new ownership and is a Holiday Inn (details below). Those that attended the '02 Meeting will forever remember the gales that we experienced on the Sunday. We sincerely hope that the experience will not be repeated.

Special features for 2008

The 2007 Meeting in Holland featured a special "One-Off" section for the display of prototype and very special "One-Off" items in delegate's collections. Following the positive reaction to this section we propose to continue with this feature. Delegates are invited to bring suitable items and provide a single (A4) sheet of information for inclusion in the Proceedings. We hope to provide time (15 mins) to a limited number of exhibitors to talk about their item.

A further feature planned is a special display of "pocket watch", e.g. Fowlers, Bouchers and Haldens and "wrist watch" type slide rules, e.g. Breitling. [Exhibitors are asked to advise Peter Hopp in advance of the makes and types of instrument to be shown so that examples can be displayed by category]. This follows the display of Fuller calculators at our previous Leamington Spa Meeting which proved highly successful and added greatly to our knowledge of the instruments by way of comprehensive comparison.

[For security these displays will take place in a separate room of the hotel with access limited at times to be announced. Exhibitors might also like to consider displaying their items on a white background under the black silhouette of the instrument. The UKSRC will make every endeavour to safeguard member's property but can take no responsibility for any loss or damage.]

IM 2008 Programme

Friday, September 19th, 2008

14.00	Registration, display set-up	
15.00	Opening of IM 2008	
15.30	Sales/swap session	
16.30	Display of "One-Offs" and pocket watch calculators	
18.00	Dinner (at delegates expense)	
20.00	Evening programme with interest for partners	
20.00 – 20.15	– "Unusual uses for a slide rule"	Wendy Rath
20.15 – 21.00	– "Magic Lantern show";	Richard Rigby

Saturday, September 20th, 2008

09.00	Welcome, housekeeping etc	
09.15	Presentations – " <i>Europe, colonies, & home</i> "	
09.15 – 10.00	– "Position Line Slide Rules: Bygrave and Höhenrechenschieber";	Ronald van Riet
10.00 – 10.30	– "The Ln scale";	Bob Adams
10.30 – 11.00	– "Artillery Slide Rules";	John Hunt Snr.
11.00	Coffee break and viewing displays	
11.30	Presentations – " <i>home and abroad</i> "	
11.30 – 12.00	– "Calculating for Profit";	David Rance
12.00 – 12.30	– "The Bissaker rule"	Werner Rudowski
12.30 – 13.00	– "Alcoholometers"	Tom Martin

- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Presentations – *“from the colonies”*
- 14.30 – 15.00 – “Diarist Samuel Pepys and slide rules” Tom Wyman
 15.00 – 15.30 – “The Bevan slide rule” Bob Otnes
 15.30 – 16.00 – “Specialised Slide Rules for Electronic Engineering” Richard Smith-Hughes
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 Presentations – *“the rest”*
- 16.30 – 17.00 – One-offs, Pocket Watch slide rules Owners
 17.00 – 17.30 – Kring / RST reports Representatives
 17.30 – 17.45 – Oughted Society Report Representative
 17.45 – 18.00 – Thanks / close UKSRC
- 18.00 Closure of Meeting followed by dinner for delegates and partners at 19.30

Partners Programme

Friday, September 19th, 2008

- 14.00 Personal programme
 18.00 Dinner at own expense
 20.00 Evening programme

Saturday, September 20th, 2008

- 09.30 Tour of picturesque Cotswold country with frequent stops at places of interest and for coffee and lunch breaks (at own expense)
 17.00 Return to Holiday Inn
 19.30 Dinner

Delegate and Partner Fees

Registration fees for delegates are £50.00 plus £25.00 (excl. drinks) for pre-registered delegates and partners Saturday’s Conference Dinner. Registration fee includes cost of a copy of the Proceedings, coffee/tea breaks, and Saturday buffet lunch (excluding drinks). Registration fee for partners is £25.00 (subject to confirmation and refund if necessary) to include Cotswold Tour, time for sightseeing and lunch (at own expense) and a visit to Snowhill, a National Trust property (entrance extra (£7.50 in 2007) NT Members should take their membership cards). All outstanding fees will be payable at the start of the Meeting. Overseas payments in GBP only, thank you. Note Friday evening meal at delegate’s expense.

Hotel Reservations

Delegates should make their hotel reservations direct with the hotel as early as possible to avoid disappointment. A limited number of rooms are being held for Friday and Saturday nights until one month before the meeting. Please use reference **SIS**.

Room rates Friday and Saturday nights are: £70.00 per double room per night, bed and breakfast
£60.00 “ single “ “ “ “ “

The rate for Thursday night is £120.00 for single or double occupancy.

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