



Dear colleague,

I am glad to invite you to Austria for the *9th Austrian Symposium on the History of Mathematics*. Following the wish of many participants and the availability of rooms in the Boersenhof I have chosen the week after Pentecost, from Monday to Sunday.

During the previous two meetings, the location Miesenbach found general approval. Miesenbach is a small idyllic village in Southern Lower Austria, about 70km from Vienna, between the valley of the Piesting (train station) and Puchberg am Schneeberg (another train station), in a valley between the mountains Hohe Wand and Öhler. Nearby, there are many possibilities for hiking, such as an easy walk to a waterfall, and alpine climbing, and for sightseeing, as well. For instance, Miesenbach offers a museum dedicated to Friedrich Gauermann (an Austrian painter from the Biedermeier era), or you can visit the Mariahilferberg, a place of pilgrimage near Gutenstein, the Raimund memorial (Ferdinand Raimund was an Austrian author of popular plays) and many other places. The mountain Schneeberg (nearly 7000 feet high) can be reached from Puchberg by a rack-railway.

The price includes all meals from Monday evening to Sunday morning (buffet breakfast, choice of menus for lunch and dinner), the transfer from and to the railway station, an excursion, and the proceedings volume of the meeting. All rooms have shower, toilet, telephone and Sat-TV, the category A rooms are in a new building, they are bigger, and have a balcony. You may choose the category of the room on a first come, first serve basis.

After many discussions I have decided to repeat an old topic (*Mathematics – discovered or invented?*, Neuhofen 1998) in a slightly different form. I am sure that every historian of mathematics (as well as every mathematician) is familiar with this question and can contribute from her (his) own field of expertise. Moreover, we invite topics related to the *Year of Mathematics -2008-*. (*All of you should feel welcome!*)

As usual, there will be a proceedings volume of the meeting with short versions (approximately 5 pages) of all talks.

I want to inform as many colleagues interested in the history of mathematics as possible, and thus I ask you to help me distribute this announcement. Please feel free to forward it to anyone who you think might be interested (or let me know their names and addresses).

News will be distributed per email (preferred) or letter to all who answer in any form before end of January 2008. You can also check the homepage of the Austrian Society for the History of Sciences ([www.wissenschaftsgeschichte.ac.at](http://www.wissenschaftsgeschichte.ac.at)). Information on the hotel and the village can also be found by internet ([www.boersenhof.at](http://www.boersenhof.at)).

I am looking forward to welcome you in Miesenbach next May.

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P.S.: The proceedings of previous meetings are still available.