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Dear Oughtred Society Members,

Our first Oughtred Society hosting of the **International Meeting of Collectors of Historical Calculating Instruments (IM 2011)**, held in September at MIT, Cambridge, MA was an unqualified success! Feedback from both our domestic and international attendees was overwhelmingly positive and the **Harvard** and **MIT Museums** did a wonderful job in hosting very special and very personal ‘behind the scenes’ tours and sessions with our membership. As one European member so aptly put it, ‘You certainly have managed to span the ‘big pond’ and to truly bring the Old World to the New.’ The vast diversity of attendees made for some excellent exchanges and stimulating interaction. We are now looking forward in joining the regular rotation and representing the USA in hosting this event with UK, Germany, and The Netherlands. Past International Meeting Proceedings are prized volumes in any reference library on the subject of early calculating devices and instruments and the **IM 2011 Proceedings** have joined their place with the others as an important permanent record of many interesting historical devices.

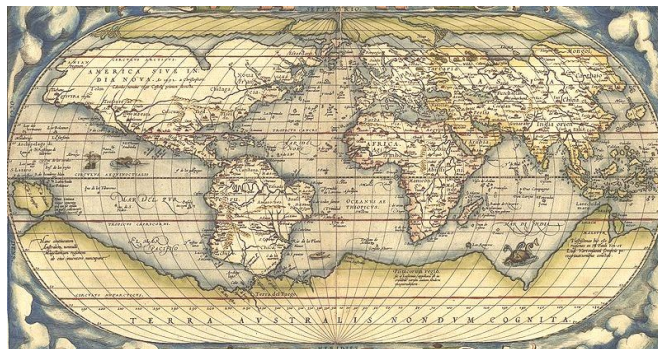
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the IM 2011 Organizing and *Proceedings* Committees for all of their outstanding effort at making this a very successful meeting. Thank you to **Tom Wyman** for chairing the *Proceedings* Committee and for lending his experience from attending numerous past events. Thanks also to **Kate Matthews** for her patience and diligence as IM2011 Meeting Coordinator; she handled the dozens upon dozens of details with flawless precision. A very special acknowledgement of gratitude goes out to our *Proceedings* Editor, **David Sweetman**, who with assistance from **Ted Hume**, **Rod Lovett**, and **Jerry McCarthy**, integrated and edited the entire text from many different sources and inserted all of the tables, scans, and photos. Special thanks also go out to **Clark McCoy** for his assistance in numerous different areas, especially in the planning and execution of on the printing of the Proceedings, and for his efforts at making our CD Version even more comprehensive and complete with additional information and links. Finally, please allow me to thank **Deborah Douglas**, **MIT Museum Curator of the K&E Collection**, for her experience, knowledge and advice throughout this process, for arranging the unforgettable ‘hands on’ private tour of the Harvard Collection, and for hosting several outstanding sessions with the meeting attendees at the MIT Museum. Speaking on behalf of the attendees of IM 2011, we were honored to be a part of the formal exhibition opening of the beautiful and informative display that highlights the K&E Collection and look forward to seeing this become a new permanent display within the museum.

Looking forward to 2012, our first meeting of the New Year, the **Oughtred Society Winter Meeting**, has been scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012, in Los Angeles, CA, at the **Autry National Center** in Griffith Park. The meeting will feature displays as well as an educational presentation by Richard Smith Hughes. A dinner will also be held on Friday evening, Feb 24. Additional details can be found at www.oughtred.org.

Also stay tuned for details on our website for the **Annual West Coast Meeting** to be held in late June at our usual location, the **Computer History Museum**, in Mountain View, CA and for **IM 2012**, tentatively planned for **September 21-23**, at **Bletchley Park** (Station X) in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, England, home of the WWII code breakers and to **Colossus**, the World's first Electronic Computer.

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From the Old World to the New: European Roots of American Slide Rules Technology Advances from the Old World to the New



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Finally, be certain to check out our website at www.oughtred.org for new articles and information and to obtain your copy of the **IM 2011 Proceedings** while they are still available.

Best regards,

Bob