

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – IM2011 - From the Old World to the New: European Roots and American Slide Rules**

Dear Members,

The Oughtred Society is pleased to be co-hosting the **International Meeting of Slide Rule Collectors - IM 2011** in conjunction with special events and displays at the **MIT Museum**. The meeting will be held **September 22-25** at **Le Meridien Hotel, Cambridge, MA**, which is located within walking distance of the MIT campus.

A block of rooms has been set aside at Le Meridien for Oughtred Society Members at a discount rate of \$209/night plus applicable taxes and fees. Members may access the following web address to learn more about the hotel and surrounding area, and to book, modify or cancel their reservations. The reservations website is available until August 23, but we strongly urge attendees to consider booking early since hotel space in Cambridge/Boston in September tends to fill quickly and the number of rooms at the guaranteed rate is limited.

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1103165695&key=3FD1>

**The Schedule of Events is as follows:**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011 - Public Lecture, MIT Museum, Evening (time and topic to be announced)**

**Friday, September 23, 2011 - IM2011 Meeting, Le Meridien Hotel**

8:30 - 9:30 am	Registration/Breakfast/Meet and Greet
9:30 – 12:30 pm	Paper Sessions with break
12:30 – 1:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 – 4:00 pm	Paper Sessions with break
	Spouse/Partners Tour – Details being Arranged.

**Evening - Exhibition Opening – MIT Museum (exact time to be announced)**

Includes behind-the-scenes tours for IM 2011 participants to allow a closer look at parts of the collection not on display nor otherwise accessible. The entire museum including the showcase MIT 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition will be open.

**Saturday, September 24, 2011 – IM 2011 Meeting – Day, Le Meridien Hotel and MIT Museum**

8:30 – 9:30 am	Breakfast/Meet and Greet
9:30 – 10:30	Plenary Speaker (or panel discussion)
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15 pm	Papers Sessions
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30	Auction/Swap Meet
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Panel Discussion or Final Presentation
6:00 pm	Dinner Banquet at Le Meridien
	Spouse/Partners/Meeting Attendees – Tours or An Afternoon at the MIT Museum

- Slide Activities at the MIT Museum – Afternoon, MIT Museum (add'l details to be announced)

**Sunday, September 25, 2011 – Harvard University Collection Tour (confirmation pending, add'l details to be announced)**

**Registration Costs: Member: \$245, Member Spouse: \$125, Non-Member: \$295**

Conference registration costs include attendance to all activities at Le Meridien, all MIT-sponsored events, Breakfast and Lunch on Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, refreshments breaks during the conference, and a digital copy on disk of the proceedings. Hard copies of the proceedings will also be available for purchase at the meeting. Hotel room and any additional accommodations are not included and will need to be handled separately by the attendee. MIT is located in the heart of Historic Cambridge just a few short miles from

Downtown Boston, one of America's earliest cities. From their Colonial roots to today's thriving communities, the Boston/Cambridge area is home to a wealth of cultural and education institutions. Both cities offer World Class shopping, sightseeing and recreational opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambridge!

Summary of Proceedings:

- Richard Smith Hughes, "The Peruvian-German Connection; The ARISTO nr 10065 System Gruter"
- Paul McConnell, "Bits Of Metal, Square Conductors, and the Logic of Air: Extinct Branches on the Tree of Information Technology" An interesting work that covers calculating, printing, typewriters, and other mechanical inventions that improved efficiency in the early days of mechanical invention.
- Tom Wyman, Brewing Beer and the Collection of Taxes
- Bob De Cesaris, "The Fuller Calculator Revisited: Evolution of Early Fuller Variants and the Very Short Life of the Fuller Small-Sized Calculator"
- Peter Hopp, a topic related to pocket watch slide rules
- Bob Otnes, a topic related to the early production of slide rules for sale in the U.S.
- David McFarland, "Abaci in the Old World and in the New"
- David Rance, Lawrence Slide Rules and the "Unique" SR Produced in the UK
- Jerry McCarthy, Danish SR for Calculating Pig Feed
- Klaus Kuhn, "German Roots of some U.S. Tables of Logarithms"
- Joe Pasquale, a paper on a subject of interest to be determined
- Karl Kleine, "From Mannheim to Darmstadt and beyond: Evolution and Impact of the European Closed-Frame Slide Rule"
- Clark McCoy, "The Anatomy of a Slide Rule Design Project"
- Ed Chamberlain, "The Spiral Slide Rule - Three Hundred Years of History"