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Science in contact at the beginning of the scientific revolution

A online conference registration form will be available at the NTM's Web site and will be included in the second announcement to be mailed in early March 2004.

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Prague, Czech Rep., June 23–27, 2004

The conference will be hosted by National Technical Museum in Prague.

First Announcement

Introduction

World View Network

The EU Commission has decided, in accordance with the EU programme for cultural support – Cultura 2000 – to grant a three-year network support to the institutions responsible for the care and maintenance of the legacy left by the astronomers and scientists who founded our modern world view. The scientists in question are Nicolaus Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Johannes Kepler, Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton.

The network, which is co-ordinated by Landskrona Cultural Department (Sweden), shall be operative during 2002-2004, and will focus on interpreting and enlivening how the knowledge of our modern worldview evolved as a result of scientific co-operation within Europe. ults from the network co-operation.

The top of the scientific part of the project should be a conference *Science in contact at the beginning of the scientific revolution*.

Next information about the whole project.

Location and meeting schedule

Preliminary time schedule of the conference:

June 23, 2004, 5–8 pm: Arrival of participants, registration (at the NTM)

June 24, 2004 and June 25, 2004: Sessions

June 26, 2004: Sights of historical and astronomical interest in Prague

The current plan is to hold the scientific part of the conference from Thursday, June 24 morning till Friday evening for the sessions; for Saturday June 26 a trip/excursion is proposed.

Accommodation will be soon proposed to the participants on the NTM web-page. Alternatively, a wide choice of hotels around and inside Prague is available.

Scientific programme and call for contribution

The themes for the conference shall be as following:

- Ways of circulating scientific results of fundamental importance in Europe.
- Creation of research centres (Hven, Kassel, Prague, Florence, Cambridge etc). Travels of scientists and their ideas.
- Acceptance, rejection or proof of ideas and speculations of the period up to commencement of scientific research.
- Instruments used in this and their development and influence on scientific knowledge.
- Precision of observation and discovery and formulation of natural laws.
- Some of the leading figures of this stage: Copernicus, Galileo, Brahe, Kepler, Newton and people around them.
- Merits of free movement of scholars.
- Science and technology-ideas circulating very rapidly internationally.

We plan on organizing sessions about above mentioned topic and panel discussion. Additional poster presentations will be accepted, on all the various topics concerning the matters.

A special proceedings book (published by the NTM) will be published.

Deadlines

Submission of Abstracts	1st February, 2004
Notification of Acceptance	1st March, 2004
Issue of Preliminary Programme on the Web site	1st April, 2004
Submission of Full Paper	during the conference
Publication of Workshop Proceedings	August 2004

Registration fee

A registration fee of 50 Euros will be asked. Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation expenses.

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Please contact us if you wish to register and/or you are interested in our forthcoming announcements. Our website will have regular updates on the Conference Programme.