MEETINGS

In this department every effort is made to publish timely announcements of future meetings, as well as reports of events and papers presented at past meetings. For this we rely on the organizers of meetings to send us announcements as early as possible, and on colleagues in each country to send us reports of local activities in the history of mathematics. Unnecessary duplication may be avoided by checking with the Editor or the nearest member of the International Commission listed on the back cover of Historia Mathematica before submitting reports to this department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Symposium on the 100th Anniversaries of the Births of Li Yan and Qian Baozong

Beijing, August 21–23, 1992

Li Yan (1892–1963) and Qian Baozong (1892–1974) are two of China's best-known historians of science. Professor Yan was formerly Director of the Institute for History of Natural Science, and a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. His main publications include a five-volume History of Chinese Mathematics, an Outline of the History of Chinese Mathematics (in two volumes), and more than 100 papers and articles.

Professor Qian Baozong was formerly head of the Institute's group of historians of mathematics, and editor in chief of the (semiannual) Chinese Journal of History of Science. His representative works include a History of Chinese Mathematics (1964) and an edition of the Ten Classics of Chinese Mathematics (two volumes, 1963). His papers covered a broad spectrum including history of mathematics, history of astronomy, and the scientific portions of the Mo Jing.

Both Li Yan and Qian Baozong were pioneers in the modern study of history of Chinese mathematics. Their efforts, as well as general studies on the history of science and mathematics, will provide the focus for this international meeting to be held in Beijing August 21–23, 1992.

The symposium is cosponsored by the Chinese Society for History of Science and Technology, the Institute for History of Natural Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the International Commission on History of Mathematics. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee is Professor Wu Wenjun, President of the Chinese Society of Mathematics. The symposium will be devoted to the following three topics:

1. The lives and works (including methodologies) of Li Yan and Qian Baozong.
Historians of science, sinologists, and colleagues from all parts of the world are welcome to participate in this meeting. For additional information, please contact:

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**Fourth Midwest Math History Conference**

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, October 2–3, 1992

The Fourth Midwest Math History Conference will be held October 2–3, 1992, concurrently with the Twentieth Annual Mathematics and Statistics Conference at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The theme of the conference will be *History of Mathematics*, and featured speakers will include Judith Grabiner, William Dunham, Victor Katz, and Frederick Rickey. A special focus of the conference will be the history of calculus and related concepts, and a session on Chinese mathematics is also being planned.

There will be contributed paper sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Abstracts should be sent by June 1, 1992, to David E. Kullman, Conference Director, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Conference programs with information concerning preregistration and housing will be available after July 15, 1992.

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**Third Austrian Symposion on the History of Mathematics**

Neuhofen, November 8–14, 1992

The “Third Austrian Symposion on the History of Mathematics” will take place in Neuhofen an der Ybbs (Lower Austria) from November 8 to November 14, 1992. The theme of the Symposion will be “Detours, shortcuts, dead ends, and other deviations from the normal path of the development of mathematics.”

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