Institute for Contemporary Science ASCR,
Dept. of Mathematics, Faculty of Education, Masaryk University in Brno,
Department of Mathematics and Descriptive Geometry of the
Technical University in Ostrava,

in co-operation with the Union of Czech Mathematicians and Physicists and
the Czech Society for History of Science and Technology (Brno branches)

cordially invite you to the

3rd Winter School on History of Mathematics

„Matematics for the People!"

or

History of Mathematics and Popularization
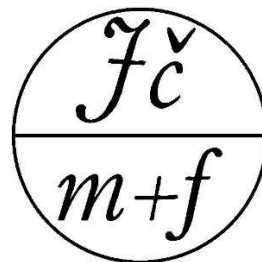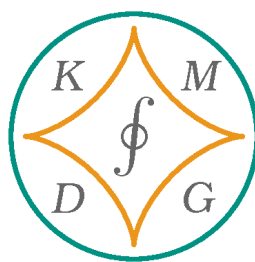## with respect to history of the sciences in general

When: 24 – 27 January 2013

Where: Tři Studně, Hotel U Loubů, http://www.halva.org/hotel/

For: mathematics teachers and students, historians and philosophers of science, and others interested, but not explicitly listed above

WWW: http://historiematematiky.webnode.cz/

Mathematics—by mathematicians often called the 'queen of the sciences'—has not recently been a favourite subject for humanity students. Teachers of mathematics therefore welcome popularization of mathematics. History of mathematics, or rather stories about mathematicians and mathematics, are therefore used as a *divertimento* in mathematics lessons. However, is mathematics (and its history) indeed something that is not part of our lives?

The meeting traditionally strives to support interdisciplinary debate and explore various approaches to history of mathematics. We would like to offer a view of mathematics as an indispensable part of our culture.

Preliminary programme:

- **Thursday:** arrival and informal introductory meeting
- **Friday morning:** history of mathematics used in its popularization – a discussion
- **Friday afternoon:** contributed talks and discussion based on recommended reading
- **Saturday morning:** invited lecture and a discussion
  Luděk Vacín, Max-Planck Institut for the History of Science, Berlin
  Mathematics and Society in Mesopotamia, or Were Mathematicians Magicians?
- **Saturday afternoon:** contributed talks or excursion to the pilgrimage church of
  St. John of Nepomuk at Zelena Hora
- **Sunday (morning only):** lecture and closing discussion
  Doubravka Olšáková (Institute for Contemporary History ASCR, Prague)
  Popularization of mathematics after 1948 in its institutionalised form

In the break after lunch, you may go cross-country skiing or for a walk.

If you intend to participate, send a note to helena.durnova@mail.muni.cz by **30 November 2012,** preferably including the **title** and **abstract** of your talk.

Abstracts received by 31 December 2012 will be included to the pre-conference volume with recommended reading, which will be send to the participants two weeks before the winter school.

Looking forward to seeing you

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