

The MATRIX conference
Sept. 18–20, 2014 , Dresden, Germany

Directions and hints

You are invited to attend the first MATRIX (Mathematics Awareness, Training, Resource, & Information Exchange) conference, to be held 2014 Sept 18 – 20 in Dresden, Germany.



What is it?

Attendees are expected to include representatives from math museums around the world; those who design/create/operate math exhibits; and those who perform math outreach or deliver math programming designed for a popular audience.

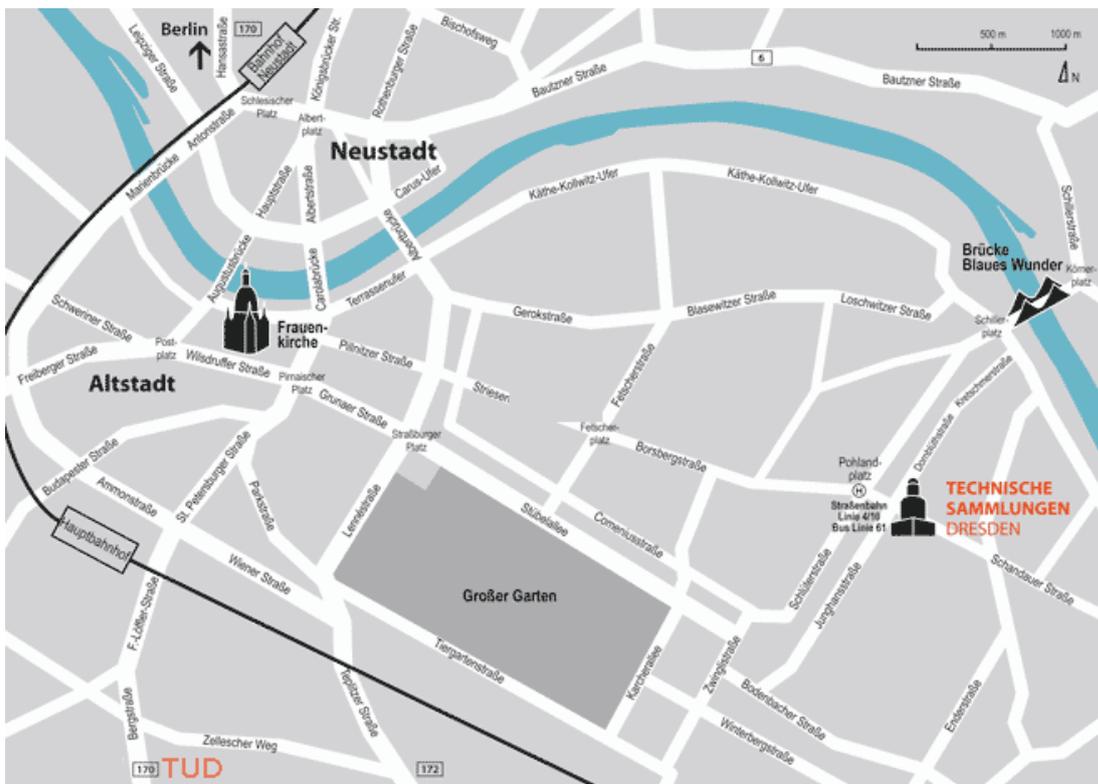
The immediate goal of the conference is to share ideas, experiences, and best practices. Ultimately, however, the goal is to help improve public perception of and engagement with mathematics.

Organizers

The conference is a joint activity by MoMath, the National Museum of Mathematics, New York, and by Math Adventureland Dresden, in cooperation with the Imaginary project and with IMNet, funded by the BMBF.

The local organizers are Bernhard Ganter and Volker Nollau.

Traveling to and getting around in Dresden



Dresden has about 500 000 inhabitants and is one of the most tourist attracting cities in Germany. It has a small airport with a few international connections. There are also good railway connections to Frankfurt, Leipzig, Berlin, and

Prague. Note that there are two major train stations, “Dresden Hauptbahnhof” and “Dresden Naustadt”.

The city has two parts, “Altstadt” and “Neustadt”. The historic center around the Frauenkirche is the sightseeing area, while many pubs and restaurants can be found in Neustadt north of Albertplatz.

Public transportation is quite good in Dresden, see

www.dvb.de/en/Homepage/

for details (but note that near the conference there are route disruptions due to road construction works). Tickets for buses and trams and the metro (“S-Bahn”) can be purchased in advance from vending machines or ticket offices. There is a convenient S-Bahn from the airport arrivals building to downtown; don’t forget to buy and validate a ticket before entering the train. Taxis are moderately expensive.

Conference date and location

The conference will be held in the “Ernemann building”, Junghansstr. 1-3, 01277 Dresden, Germany, from Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, morning (8:30 am), to Saturday, Sept. 20, in the evening (9:30 pm). The Ernemann building accommodates the Dresden Technology Museum “Technische Sammlungen Dresden”, and Math Adventureland is part of this museum.

In the little city map on the previous page you find the conference venue on the right (“Technische Sammlungen”), near Pohlandplatz. It can be reached from downtown by tram (Line 44, approx. 20 min). The evening lectures are on the university campus, marked “TUD” in the lower left corner.

Just to get a feeling for the distances: The “Großer Garten” (Great Garden) (the shaded area in the lower middle of the map) is a park of approx. half the size of New York’s Central Park.

Accommodation

Hotels can be booked over the Internet, for example through

www.dresden.de/dig/en/service/touristinfo.php ,

or through Google Hotel Finder. You can also ask for an offer by email to

info@dresdeninformation.de ,

and ask them to offer a hotel from which it is easy to reach the conference.

As Dresden is a very touristic place, we recommend to make bookings early. The city has some sight-seeings to offer, great museums, a famous opera, and

there is a national park nearby (“Sächsische Schweiz”), which is great for hiking and can be reached from the city by S-Bahn. It may be worthwhile to add a few days to your stay if you have the time. You might then consider buying a “Dresden Card”, see www.dresden.de/dig/en/ddcard.php .