

IW-4

International Workshop

1 March 2026

Dear Slide Rule Collectors.

The IW's, International Workshops, are become a tradition. It reaches a large audience of about 40 participants for the limited max 2 hour Virtual INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP. We, as KRING and Karl, have prepared the IW-4 in the well-known format.

This Zoom meeting will be on **Sunday March 1, 18.00 CET** (Amsterdam) till 20:00 CET. The start time corresponds with 17:00 UTC, 12:00 EST (Boston), 9:00 PST (San Francisco). The session will be opened about half an hour before, for social gathering and checking connections. The URL to connect will be emailed to registered participants the day before.

We all have one or more slide rules or slide charts or mechanical, electrical calculation machines which cannot be identified by brand, manufacturer, distributor, or aspects as purpose, strange scales, etc. We call them UNKNOWNs. During the IW the owner of an UNKNOWN item explains his questions. Your international colleague collectors with their knowledge and experience will — in a combined effort — try to answer your questions as well as provide hints where to look further. Each question is welcome, even if it might be trivial to some participants. We all learn from it or upgrade our knowledge, even if the result is no solution.

You are welcome to take photos of your UNKNOWN items and send them with your specific questions to info@rekeninstrumenten.nl **before Friday, February 27**. We will collect all these UNKNOWN slide rules on a dedicated page on our Website: <https://www.rekeninstrumenten.nl/workshop>. This page **already includes some unknowns**, so that workshop participants can look at them before the meeting, to see if they can help to answer the questions. New UNKNOWNs are welcome and needed. If you have questions in between the IWs, you can send them in advance and we will place them on the website.

To **document** the discussed result, we ask the owner to add the remarks to the question, because he is the best involved. Sent the short text to the link the same way as you sent your initial question and we will take care to add it to the website.

For the **distribution of knowledge** to other collectors, the owner is free to write a longer and more readable article for the JOS or other magazines.

In order to participate in IW-4 you must register (free of charge!) **before February 27** by email to both info@rekeninstrumenten.nl and karl.kleine@eah-jena.de with subject *Registration IW-4*.

We expect again interesting technical discussions and hope to see you on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

NOTE: It is still the intention to organize the IM2026 in Germany.

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To all country organizations: Please distribute this announcement as soon as possible to your members and to anybody else who might be interested in Slide Rules. **And for anybody:** If you have friends or acquaintances who are potentially interested or need a new hobby, please pass a copy of this announcement to them.
