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### *Announcement*

Invitation to participate in a two-days Conference March 14 – 15, 2013, Berlin

## **Friends of Mathematics Education - A European Initiative -**

Mathematics has a unique place in the school curriculum. It is a highly important subject in its own right, as a basis of much of science, technology and engineering and as the underpinning of a skilled workforce. As a result, there have been many and diverse projects to support mathematics by major foundations across Europe, whether to support professional learning, to offer student enrichment, to scaffold early mathematical learning or enhance adult numeracy. However the scope, extent and impact of these projects across Europe is neither known nor widely acknowledged in Europe.

**With this in mind we invite a representative from your foundation, NGO or company to participate in the meeting, Friends of Mathematics Education in Berlin.** A limited number of interested individuals are also welcome. We have made contact with various foundations and companies in different countries who have agreed to contribute to sharing what they have done and the impact of their work. We attach our draft programme to date, which we hope you agree promises to be stimulating for a diverse audience. But we know however there are many more initiatives from whom we would hope to learn. Our challenge has been to find them. We hope you will help us in this endeavor by sending us some brief information as below and contributing to the meeting in Berlin, which we hope will be the start of many more collaborative ventures.

The overarching aims of the meeting are to raise awareness of initiatives in mathematics education funded by different charitable foundations, non-governmental organizations etc, the goals of these various initiatives, the different methods used and their effects. We hope the interactions will enhance impact and open up possibilities for collaboration in the longer term. Participants and speakers will also include distinguished representatives from the mathematics education community. We are expecting about 40-60 participants.

If you feel able to accept this invitation, please

- Register your interest in the meeting by contacting Britta Berndtsen, [fome@uni-due.de](mailto:fome@uni-due.de) by November 15, 2012.

All participants will be expected to pay for their travel and accommodation.

We intend to block book a hotel (Winters Hotel, Gendarmenmarkt) which is very reasonable and nearby to the conference location in the center of Berlin. We do need to ask, if possible, for a small fee from each contributor to help us cover the cost of administration of the meeting (150 Euro for representatives of organisations, 100 Euro for individual participants). An account number is provided on the *Registration Form*.

Don't hesitate to contact us.

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