

Dear all (please forgive the collective letter!)

Bolzano Meeting in Prague in April

General letter to all those who have sent an abstract, but not yet a full paper:

Thank you very much for the abstract of your paper for the Bolzano meeting in April. The collection of abstracts (about 25, with 10 full papers now on the website) already makes for a stimulating and interesting array of contributions to Bolzano scholarship. Many of these, as befits the occasion, are centred around, or relate to, the *Beyträge* of 1810.

It was, of course, rather ambitious that we asked for the full papers a month in advance for the sake of selecting some for a 'detailed treatment'. That has been done now, as you can see from the webpages (Draft Programme link). This also means that everyone has a chance to read not only the papers of the special sessions, but also several others, well in advance of the meeting.

Your own paper could be among those 'several others' that people can read in advance. Probably this will enhance the comprehension and familiarity of the audience with your material, and probably this will, in turn, improve the kind of questions and criticism from which you might benefit at the meeting.

Several people have already told me their paper has had to be delayed for various reasons (and I am, slightly embarrassingly, in just this position myself!). But this is an informal meeting, life is full of priorities and pressures, and we do what we can. I am not acting as a 'policeman' and am not hassling you – even now when it might look like it. Sending your paper in advance is not a condition of welcome at the meeting. That is assured. After all, everyone, more or less, has been personally invited. But if you send me your paper, I shall post it on the website as soon as possible. That holds true, up to and including the 12th April. If you complete it after that date, and you can bring a hard copy with you, we can photocopy it and circulate it if you would like.

So, please do not feel huge pressure to submit your paper as early as possible, just gentle pressure(!) to enhance our interactions. It's far more important that you can simply turn up and join in the interactions and exchanges. It is promising to be an exciting and stimulating occasion in which, as usual, it is the informal that will be more important than the formal.

I look forward to your paper, if you can finish it, and to seeing you in Prague soon.

Best wishes

Steve