

### A. Math Club Meeting #2:

World famous mathematician Dr. Ruediger Thiele visiting from Germany will give a talk at our meeting.

**Title:** "Did the Greeks know real numbers?"

**When:** Tuesday, October 6th, 2009, 1-2pm

**Where:** G 220

**Food:** Pizza and drinks

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### B. Agenda:

1) Guest Speaker: Dr. Ruediger Thiele is one of the best known and most respected names in the history of mathematics field. Further details about Dr. Thiele are given at the bottom of the page. \*\*\*

Student attendance at meetings is what's needed most for making the club vibrant and full of ideas and activities.

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### C. More about Math Club:

~~ All math majors are welcome at the meetings!

~~ Non-math majors and first time attendees welcome!

~~ Bring a friend, if you'd like! Come, join the discussion, voice your opinions, make a difference, or just listen and learn.

~~ For the math club website, visit

<http://phobos.ramapo.edu/majors/mathematics/AvailableAtRamapo/MathClub20092010.htm>

~~ For some information helpful to math majors, visit the math convening group website at

<http://phobos.ramapo.edu/majors/mathematics/>

~~ In Fall 2009 Math Club meets every two weeks on Thursdays, 1-2 pm, unless indicated otherwise.

~~ If you have any questions, contact the math club advisers, Dr. Katarzyna Potocka at [kpotocka@ramapo.edu](mailto:kpotocka@ramapo.edu) or Dr. Ken McMurdy at [kmcmurdy@ramapo.edu](mailto:kmcmurdy@ramapo.edu)

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### \*\*\*About Dr. Thiele:

**Ruediger Thiele** is a historian of mathematics who studied both mathematics and physics, receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics from Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) and his habilitation in the history of physical sciences from University of Hamburg. In 1996 he was awarded the Forder Prize of the German Academy of Natural Sciences, Leopoldina. Since 1986 he has held a position as Privatdozent in Mathematics at the University of Leipzig. He has been a visiting professor and research scholar at the Universities of Bonn, Mainz, Munster, and Toronto and is vice president of the Euler Society in the USA. While having diverse research interests in the history of mathematics, his main field of research is the history of the calculus of variations. His publications include a biography of Leonhard Euler and a booklet on mathematical proofs. Recently he edited the Festschrift "Mathesis" in honor of M. Schramm. His other interests include philosophy and, above all, music.