

Conference on the dawn of mathematics, in Africa

On Feb 28, March 1 and March 2, the **second (!)** Ishango rod, revealed by leading archaeologist de Heinzelin on his dying bed in 1998, will be presented to the public, **thus confirming the oldest mathematical findings are African.**

Location: Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium, Brussels, nearby the Royal Palace; 1 Rue Ducale, Hertogsstraat 1.

Opening: 19h; ethnomathematical show “Africa + math”, by the outstanding percussion group “Dakar Electric” and some of the involved scientists. Due to the limited number of seats, reservation is required (first in, first served): http://etopia.sintlucas.be/3.14/Ishango_meeting.



African and African-American participants:

			
Paulus Gerdes, Mozambique Ethnomathematician	William Anthony Hawkins Jr., USA African-American “Math Power!”	John Belcher, USA CrossPulse Consultants Boston	E. G. Nduwa, Congo-Israel Europe gave us emotion Africa gave us reason

Specialists from the USA, Serbia and Iran:

			
Alison Brooks, USA Archaeologist Dating math	Slavik Jablan, Serbia Prehistoric mathematics	Reza Sarhangi, Iran – USA Medieval Persian Art and Mathematics (and wine!)	John Yellen, USA Archaeologist Digger of math

Belgian scientists:

			
Dirk Huylebrouck Department Architecture Sint-Lucas Brussels-Gent	Ivan Jadin Patrick Semal Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences	Vladimir Pletser ESTEC - European Space Agency	Els Cornelissen Royal Museum Central Africa Tervuren

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