

Renate Tobies, Felix Klein and French Mathematicians

One of Felix Klein's (1849-1925) visions was internationality: in research, education, and the advancement of students. Starting from Klein's contribution to the dissemination of knowledge about proofs of the transcendence of pi (which was quickly translated into French and other languages), the talk will focus on:- The interest in France in Klein and his work, even before he first traveled there in 1870;- the cooperation with the geometer Gaston Darboux (1842-1917) in various fields, - Felix Klein's orientation towards the work of French mathematicians and his interest in recruiting them as authors for the journal *Mathematische Annalen*;- the increasing interest in France in Klein's work (their translations...) after his second stay (1887) there, combined with Charles Hermite's (1822-1901) surprising euphoria about Klein "comme un nouveau Josué dans la terre promise", which culminated in Klein's membership in the Académie des sciences (cancelled in 1915).