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Fourth Announcement

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**Meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.
'City Hotel Ljubljana', Ljubljana, Slovenia
25–29 June 2023**

Dear colleagues,

we have much pleasure in inviting you to attend the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, to be held from **25-29 June 2023** in the **'City Hotel Ljubljana', Ljubljana, Slovenia**; address: Dalmatinova 15, 1000 Ljubljana; website: <https://www.cityhotel.si>. The venue offers accommodation, meals, and conference facilities all under the same one roof and is situated within walking distance to the vivid city center of Ljubljana.

Slovenia has a long and eventful history of hop cultivation and is one of the world's top six hop growing nations. Our local hosts are the Slovenian IHGC fellows from the Slovenian Institute of Hop Research and Brewing in Žalec, with Dr. Andreja Čerenak as head of the organizing committee. We are most grateful to our Slovenian friends to offer us this great opportunity and a wonderful destination for our meeting! Who hasn't seen Ljubljana yet should take the chance of the STC meeting to visit this charming European capital at long last. And there is nothing like personal networking with international colleagues accompanied by a few beers!

We have created a special, regularly updated conference website where all information is stored as well. Please bookmark the following link for the STC 2023:

<http://www.ihps.si/en/conferences-congress/ihgc-stc-2023/>

Preliminary programme outline:

- Sunday, 25 June 2023
 - Arrival of delegates in City Hotel Ljubljana and check-in
 - **16:00–20:00 h** Registration
 - **18:00–20:00 h** Ice-breaker
 - **20:00 h** Welcome dinner in City Hotel Ljubljana
- Monday, 26 June 2023
 - **08:00–09:00 h** Registration
 - **09:00–16:30 h** Opening ceremony and scientific programme
 - **16:30–17:00 h** Administrative meeting of the STC, I.H.G.C.
 - **17:30 h** Walking tour to the centre of Ljubljana and ride with the funicular railway to visit Ljubljana Castle with fantastic view of the city (guided tour); joint dinner in the 'Gostilna Sokol', in the old city centre; individual exploration of local pub scene
- Tuesday, 27 June 2023
 - **09:00–10:30 h** Scientific programme
 - **11:00 h** Excursion by coach to the Slovenian hop growing region around Žalec; visit of the Slovenian Institute of Hop Research and Brewing; visit of the famous 'Beer Fountain' in Žalec; visit of a hop farm and barbecue event there
 - **ca 23:00 h** Return to City Hotel Ljubljana
- Wednesday, 28 June 2023
 - **09:00–16:30 h** Scientific programme
 - **16:30–18:00 h** Poster session
 - **20:00 h** Official congress dinner in Hotel Slon, Slovenska cesta 34, 1000 Ljubljana
- Thursday, 29 June 2023
 - Breakfast
 - Beginning of post-conference tour (three days)
 - Departure of delegates

ACCOMMODATION

We have reserved a lot of 50 double rooms in City Hotel Ljubljana for the conference at a special price. Hotel accommodation (incl. breakfast and tax) in a double room, if used by one person, is € 120.00 per night (standard room) and € 130.00 per night (comfort room).

The price for a double room, if used by two persons, is

€ 135.00 per night (standard room) and € 145.00 per night (comfort room).

For other options, like a family suite, please contact the City Hotel Ljubljana directly.

The booking and payment of your accommodation should be made by each attendee directly.

Booking of your accommodation is possible via a special hotel web site for the conference, see

<https://www.cityhotel.si/events/eid/493/>

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee	Early-bird price <u>before or on</u> 30 April 2023	<u>After</u> 30 April 2023
Delegate or accompanying person	350 €	500 €

Please note that the registration fee is a package price covering practically all costs (except accommodation) of the event and can't be divided into single items.

The registration fee for delegates or the accompanying person includes

- attendance at the meeting and all events from Sunday evening to Thursday morning
- conference proceedings and other conference material
- all other conference costs, like the rent for conference rooms and equipment
- the full mid-conference excursion (coach ride to the Žalec hop growing region, with visit of the beer fountain and barbecue event)
- Funicular railway ride to and guided tour of Ljubljana Castle
- all meals (lunches and coffee breaks, with an appropriate choice of drinks, and table water) during the conference
- the welcome dinner on Sunday, the dinner on Monday, and the official conference dinner on Wednesday, with table wine and table water
- but **NOT** your hotel accommodation, which must be booked and balanced by each attendee separately (see below)
- and **NOT** your travel costs for getting there.

The STC expects timely payment of the calculated registration fee before 30 April 2023!

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

Please transfer your registration fee to the bank account of the Scientific-Technical Commission. Note that there is a significantly higher fee for late registration after 30 April 2023, which is unfortunately necessary to warrant timely payment by participants!

Account Name: Dr. Florian Weihrauch
Credit institute: Deutsche Kreditbank AG
IBAN: DE52 1203 0000 1057 9742 20
BIC/SWIFT code: BYLADEM1001
Reference: **STC2023 + name of participant**

Note: Please make sure that your remittance to the bank account is **free of bank charges to the receiver**. Any bank fees incurred will be charged to the participant.

CANCELLING YOUR REGISTRATION AND REFUNDING OF FEES

Following the decisions made at the administrative meeting in 2001, 50 % of the total amount of the fee is not refunded if the registration is cancelled by a participant after 12 June 2023. Cancelling three days before the meeting means no refund of the total amount.

Registration deadline: 30 April 2023

Free cancellation of registration (at no expense): until 31 May 2023

Cancellation fee as of 12 June 2023: 50 % of expenses

Cancellation as of 22 June 2023: no refund

HOW TO GET THERE

By plane: The **International Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU)** is situated ca 25 km north of Ljubljana and connected with the city centre (45 min. ride) by hourly running shuttle buses. More than 15 airlines (incl. Air France, British Airways, Brussels Airlines or Lufthansa) operate regular scheduled flights to and from Ljubljana. It is served directly from, e.g., Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London Gatwick and Heathrow, Munich, Paris, Warsaw, and Zurich.

By train: The **Ljubljana railway station** is crossing point of the major railway tracks Vienna-Trieste and Villach/Tarvisio-Karlovac. Direct connections exist with, e.g., Belgrade, Budapest, Munich, Vienna, Zagreb, and Zurich. Ljubljana railway station is situated ca 400 m from City Hotel Ljubljana, i.e., within walking distance with normal luggage.

By bus: FlixBus connections exist to a wealth of European cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, Budapest, Milano, Munich, Prague, Venezia, Vienna, or Zurich. The central bus station of Ljubljana (address: Trg Osvobodilne fronte 4) is located side-by-side to the railway station.

By car: Please check a map service like Google Maps.

EARLY APPLICATION FOR A VISA IF NECESSARY

For those persons who need a visa for traveling to Slovenia we can provide an official letter of invitation upon request. For more information, please see <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/>

OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE TOUR:

We have organized with a travel agency an optional post-conference tour to touristic highlights of Slovenia (see separate information leaflet). The tour will span three days and three nights, from Thursday (29 June) morning to Sunday (2 July 2023) morning. Please indicate your interest to participate in the post-conference tour with your registration so that we can judge the number of participants.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND POSTERS

If you intend to give an oral presentation or present a poster of your work during the meeting, please submit the planned **title or topic until 31 March 2023**. This deadline is necessary for the early compilation of a scientific agenda that can be communicated to interested people.

All authors of accepted presentations will then receive in early April a template, plus additional instructions, for their abstract and paper, which will be published in the Proceedings. The full paper (or, at least, an in-depth abstract) of each presentation for the Proceedings must be submitted until 30 April 2023.

At the meeting, please present your paper or poster in English. Papers should be 15-20 minutes in length (**including** discussion), depending on the number of submissions. A beamer for Power Point presentations will be available. For posters we are providing the equipment necessary to fix the posters to a pinboard.

For each presentation or poster, a manuscript version (presentation max. 4 pages - poster 1 page) for the conference proceedings is mandatory. Detailed information will be provided to presenters with the acceptance of their presentation or on the website of the STC, see <http://www.ihps.si/en/conferences-congress/ihgc-stc-2023/> and/or <https://www.lfl.bayern.de/ipz/hopfen/024299/index.php>

REGISTRATION

Please register as soon as possible by returning the registration form

via e-mail to Florian.Weihrauch@Lfl.bayern.de

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would appreciate if you could pass on this information to your colleagues or any other person interested in hop research.

We are much looking forward to meeting you in Ljubljana in the early summer of 2023!

For the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.
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