ICAME 36 – Final Circular, 24th May 2015



Dear ICAMErs,

An hour ago, the Facebook status of the conference page was updated as follows:



The to-do-list for the conference has been reduced to less than 10 entries - all minor issues. Kind of feels funny - but we seem to be ready... 2

In addition, the two train strikes that at some stage threatened to affect travel plans of many delegates were called off/ended earlier

than expected. The (virtually) final programme and the abstracts booklet are now available on the conference website. The only slight worry is the weather – see below. So basically, everything is set for you to arrive – and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all in Trier very soon!

Weather

The long-term weather forecast currently promises patchy weather for the next week, but with the exception of Saturday evening (which is still a long way off – and different forecasts disagree for that day), any rainfall should be fairly light. Temperatures, however, won't be great, with highs of 14° (Saturday) to 18° (Thursday) being forecast by one website. (The weather will improve significantly in the following week, with highs of up to 29° – oh well...!). So basically, I would recommend you bring along some rainproof gear and/or an umbrella – and string tops and shorts are unlikely to be needed.

Evening programme at the "Kurfürstliches Palais" (Electoral Palace) on Wednesday

The first plenary and the conference opening reception will take place at the electoral palace, about 20 minutes on foot from the conference venue. We have a tight schedule for the evening, and it is essential we don't arrive later than planned. We will be leaving the conference venue at 17.15 sharp, and we are hoping to start the programme at 17.45. If you are only arriving at the hotel past this time, please still join us — we'll have plenty of food and drink ready for you! Directions to the "Kurfürstliches Palais" will be available from the hotel receptions of Hotel Arcadia and Villa Hügel (and on the conference website).

Please note that we'll have a fairly late dinner (at least by German standards) – it is unlikely there will be any food before 19.30–19.45.

Poster sessions

There are 20 posters on the programme, which have been distributed across two plenary sessions. Poster presenters will be given about 5 minutes each to talk about their work. A number of poster presenters have not yet confirmed that they are happy with the format; we would greatly appreciate if everybody could get back to us about this asap. Also, please remember that PDF-versions of the posters and up to three slides should be sent to the conference email address by 25th May. Thank you!

Travel information

Most of the relevant travel information can be found on the conference website. If you have any specific questions or need assistance in buying tickets, please let us know. All delegates who are booked on a shuttle service from Luxemburg have been contacted and informed about the arrival times of other passengers on their shuttle. There are still spaces available on some shuttles; please contact the organisers if you are interested in joining a group.

Contacting us

If you need to contact us, please continue to use the conference email address <u>icame36@unitrier.de</u>. From Tuesday afternoon (26th May) onwards (and throughout the conference) a member of the organising team or the ICAME conference desk can always be contacted on the following phone number:

The phone number of the conference hotel (Hotel Arcadia) is +49-(0)651-93770. Delegates who are staying at the Villa Hügel can contact the hotel at +49-(0)65-33066.

See you soon – and have a safe journey!

ICAME 36 organising team