

ICAME 36 – Fourth Circular, 12th May 2015



Dear ICAMERs,

With just over 2 weeks to go, things are getting noticeably more exciting (and busy) in Trier – so far, luckily no major hiccups had to be resolved. We now have a first draft of the programme available on the conference website, and we hope that we have been successful in fulfilling all special requests while still offering a reasonably coherent schedule. If you haven't done so yet, please check whether the placement of your paper is compatible with your travel plans, and if this is not the case, please let us know immediately – thank you!

Summary of points that require action:

- **immediately:** Let us know if you cannot join us on the excursion and/or will be arriving late on Wednesday/leaving early on Sunday
- **by Monday 18th May:**
 - Select your meal choice for Friday evening
 - Let us know if you do not need a hard copy of the abstracts
 - Sign up for conference excursion activity

Travel information

We have been able to meet most taxi shuttle requests that delegates have signed up for – individual notifications will be sent out by the 15th of May. Unfortunately, too few people have signed up for a taxi shuttle from Frankfurt Hahn to make it worthwhile. Please consult <http://www.flibco.com> to check whether you can use their (reliable and comfortable!) coach service. If you are finding it difficult to make your way to Trier within a reasonable time after your arrival, please let us know and we'll try to help. The cost for the shuttle service from and to Luxemburg airport is € 20 per way and person. Please note that once confirmed, it will no longer be possible to cancel this service.

If you are arriving in Trier by train, you can take the bus (line 2) in the direction of “Heiligkreuz” or “Mariahof” to “Heiligkreuz, Bernhardstraße” for € 2. In the evenings and on the weekend, services are more limited, and the bus number changes to 82. Bus schedules are available from <http://www.vrt-info.de/en/index.php>. If you prefer to take a taxi, this should cost around € 10.

Registration

Registration will open on Wednesday 27th May at 12.00. The conference desk is located on the first floor of the conference venue; a map of the venue will be posted online soon. The conference desk will be closing on Wednesday at 5pm and we will all walk to the “Kurfürstliche Palais” for the first plenary and the evening reception at 17.15. Late arrivals will still be able to join us; the conference hotel reception will be happy to help you with directions. Registration will then again be possible on Thursday from 8.30 onwards.

Conference excursion

The traditional conference excursion (including the even more traditional boat trip) will take place on Friday afternoon. The destination is Bernkastel-Kues, a picturesque town on the

Moselle about 50km north-east of Trier. Departure is at 13.00 (sharp!). The following four options for activities are available:

1) GUIDED TOUR OF BERNKASTEL-KUES: *BERNKASTELEER DOCTOR* (max. 45 participants)

One of the vineyards rising above Bernkastel-Kues is called *Bernkasteler Doctor*. According to legend, wine from this vineyard cured elector Boemund II., who fell ill with a fever visiting castle Landshut in the 14th c., after none of his physicians had been able to find a cure. Whether there could be any truth to this will be uncovered during the 90-minute walking tour through the historical town centre which will include samples of the famous *Riesling* grown in the vineyards overlooking Bernkastel-Kues.

2) ST. NICHOLAS HOSPITAL – CUSANUS LIBRARY (max. 60 participants)

The eminent 15th c. theologian Nikolaus von Kues, known to his contemporaries by his Latin name Cusanus, left his hometown a charitable endowment, the St. Nicholas Hospital. Built as a public hospital between 1451 and 1458, the impressive Gothic structure includes a cloister, a chapel and a library housing the majority of the benefactor's personal collection of manuscripts, many including his marginalia. The Cusanus foundation still runs a nursing home on the premises, but guided tours of about 90 minutes provide visitors with an opportunity to study the Gothic architecture, some Baroque alterations and a detailed view of the library which was specifically added to showcase Cusanus' work.

3) WINE-TASTING AT THE WINERY "MARKUS MOLITOR" (max. 50 participants)

There is little doubt that Markus Molitor is one of the best – if not **the** best – wine-growers in Germany. As a strong confirmation of his skills, three of the wines of his 2013 vintage were recently awarded 100 Parker points. We have the opportunity to sample a range of his wines (including some true rarities!) in an extensive tasting session. Participants will be driven back to Bernkastel-Kues after the event to join the rest of the delegates on the boat trip to Kloster Machern.

4) (UNGUIDED) FREE TIME / SHOPPING / "KAFFEE UND KUCHEN"

Spend some free time in Bernkastel and enjoy a stroll around its medieval alleyways and gabled timber-frame houses, take a walk around the vineyards nearby and/or savour some sweet delights ("Kaffee und Kuchen" – <http://bit.ly/1Eu7kWr>) in one of its many coffee houses.

Please note that option 4) is the default option. If you wish to participate in one of the other three options, you will need to actively sign up for this using the registration system at <http://icame36.info/registration/>. You will need to authenticate with the username/password combination that you set up when you registered for the conference. If you have forgotten your password, please go to http://icame36.info/icame36_reg/ and click on "resend password". If you encounter any difficulties with access, please contact us via email.

The choice of options will be available **from 12th May @ 7pm onwards** (German time) and spaces will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. We'll need to have your choice **by Monday 18th May** the very latest – thank you!

After the boat trip on the Moselle, we'll have dinner at Kloster Machern. Again, a choice needs to be made between four options. The default option (unless you have indicated that you are a vegetarian) is:

- Creamed Potato Soup with Croutons
- Pork roast with beer sauce and potato dumplings
- No dessert

Alternative options for the main course are:

- 'Tafelspitz' (prime boiled beef) on creamed savoy cabbage with horseradish sauce and boiled potatoes
- Chef's Salad: Mixed green salad with mushrooms and sautéed chicken breast
- Whole wheat pasta with Mediterranean vegetables and basil sauce

In addition, delegates are welcome to opt out of the starter and/or add a dessert at no extra cost (Apple strudel with vanilla sauce). Two drinks per person will be included for free. Delegates with special dietary requirements will be contacted individually over the next few days.

Please make your selection **by Monday 18th May**. We may not be able to accommodate changes after this date. If you already know that you will not be able to join us on the excursion (and have not told us so), please let us know as soon as possible. We will have to order food for everybody in advance, and it would be a shame to waste this.

Conference dinner

ICAMEs have always offered a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for newcomers and regulars alike – and we certainly don't want to change this by imposing any rules on the dress-code. However, we would like to encourage delegates to take the *gala* in the name of the occasion as literally as they wish to. In other words: elegant attire or national dress – here's a challenge to our Norwegian contingency! – is very welcome. Naturally, everyone is still free to wear whatever they are most comfortable with, though!

Abstracts booklet / formatted abstracts

The abstracts booklet will be provided electronically a few days ahead of the conference. If you do not wish to receive a paper copy of the booklet, please let us know via the registration system **no later than Monday 18th May**.

Your travel plans

As mentioned in the third circular, we would greatly appreciate if you could let us know (via the registration system) if you are planning to arrive later than Wednesday 2pm and/or if you are leaving before the conference closing on Sunday – even if you are not travelling by plane. Again, this has to do with potentially wasted food: the conference venue requires final numbers **by 19th May**, and we can't cancel any services after that date.

Contacting us

If you need to contact us, please continue to use the conference email address icame36@univ-tribier.de. 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:

+49-(0)1575-9501536

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.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in Trier soon!

With best regards,

ICAME 36 organising team