Dear colleagues,

The next SPR-European Chapter Conference in Klagenfurt lies ahead of us. This newsletter tries to capture the latest information on the conference.

The conference will have 103 Papers in 28 Panels, 66 Papers in 12 Brief Paper Sessions, 50 Posters, 4 Pre-Conference Workshops, 8 Structured Discussion and two plenary sessions. You find the final program here: [http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/program.html](http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/program.html)

We will have a banquet including a boat tour on the Wörther See. Klagenfurt is easy to reach via plane (see paragraph below).

We expect around 250 participants. According to our books, there are still a lot of presenters who have not yet registered for the conference. Please do so as soon as possible, to allow us the planning of the conference. Registration: [http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/](http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/)

***Getting to Klagenfurt***

Although most of the participants probably already have booked their tickets to Klagenfurt, we again want to provide you with some information how to get to Klagenfurt.

The easiest way is by air. If you can’t get an affordable direct connection to Klagenfurt, please try one of the five airports surrounding Klagenfurt. From there you can either travel by bus, train or rental car to Klagenfurt.

**Graz, Austria** (direct distance: 100 km): If you arrive at Graz Airport ([www.flughafen-graz.at](http://www.flughafen-graz.at)), you can either travel by bus or by train to Klagenfurt. Both connections are operated by the ÖBB ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) = 29€ by bus and 9€ by train) and another bus connection by Westbus ([www.westbus.at](http://www.westbus.at) = 22€). Traveling by bus will take approx. 3 hours and by train 3.5 hours.

**Ljubljana, Slovenia** (linear distance: 65 km): If you arrive at Ljubljana International Airport ([www.ika-ljubljana.si](http://www.ika-ljubljana.si)), you can travel by bus to Klagenfurt with Kärnten Bus ([http://www.kaernten-bus.at/](http://www.kaernten-bus.at/)) for 16€, which will take approx. 1.5 hours. The line operates 4 times daily.

**Salzburg, Austria** (direct distance: 165 km): If you arrive at Salzburg International Airport ([www.salzburg-airport.com](http://www.salzburg-airport.com)), you can travel by train to Klagenfurt with the ÖBB ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) = 9€), which will take approx. 3.5 hours.

**Venice, Italy** (linear distance: 200 km): If you arrive at Aeroporto di Venezia-Tessera “Marco Polo” (Venice International Airport, [www.veniceairport.it](http://www.veniceairport.it)), you can travel by bus to Klagenfurt with the ÖBB Intercity Bus ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) = 19€), which will take approx. 4.5 hours. The line is operating daily between Venice and Klagenfurt. Note: The Airport is a bit outside the city and in order to get the bus to Klagenfurt, you’ll have to take the bus either to the bus station Venezia Mestre (on the mainland) or the bus station Venezia Tronchetto (on the island).

**Vienna, Austria** (linear distance: 235 km): If you arrive at Vienna International Airport ([www.viennairport.com](http://www.viennairport.com)), you can either travel to Klagenfurt by train (it’ll take you between 4 to 5 hours; [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) = 19€) or by bus (approx. 4 hours; [www.westbus.at](http://www.westbus.at) = 24€).
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The conference venue (including map)

Restaurant and Hotels in Klagenfurt

Initiative for new Board of country coordinators

During the business meeting in Philadelphia we deepened the discussion on the future structure of the European chapter. There was a consensus, that we should have a **board of national representatives/coordinates**, ideally of every European country (and Israel) with at least more than one member. Aim of this structure would be to improve cooperation and networking between countries and members and to promote local activities especially in the “new” countries.

We already have received mails from several countries and there is a group of people specially from the smaller counties, which will be able to connect on the business meeting in Klagenfurt. If you want to be part of this, you are still able to apply for such a position for your country. Please mail to Henning.Schauenburg@med.uni-heidelberg.de

Perspectives for a SPR research network in the EU

Again we want to draw your attention to the fact, that there is an EU research grant to be announced within the next months (HORIZON 2020) which in part pertains also to our field. In Klagenfurt we will have a preconference workshop where all the colleagues will meet, who are interested in this or also other possibilities of building a SPR-European research Network. We will hear about recent experiences with EU grant applications and will talk about necessary steps to prepare for the next call for proposals which will probably be published in the fall of 2015.

Colleagues who are interested in attending the work shop should send an E-Mail to Henning.Schauenburg@med.uni-heidelberg.de. You would allow us for better planning and coordination in the forefront.

I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward meeting you all in Klagenfurt

Henning Schauenburg