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 101 Papers in 28 Panels, 62 Papers in 12 Brief Paper Sessions, 45 Posters, 4 Pre-Conference Workshops, 8 Structured Discussions and two plenary sessions. You will find the final program here: [http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/program.html](http://www.spr2015.com/klagenfurt/program.html). Since there have been some minor changes please check your individual specifications and let us know if there are any issues.

We will have a banquet including a boat tour on the lake Wörthersee. Please do not forget to reserve your ticket in advance since places are limited.

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.psychotherapyresearch.org/event/spreu2015](http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/event/spreu2015)

**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) = one-way starting from 9€) and another bus connection by Westbus ([www.westbus.at](http://www.westbus.at) = one-way 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.ljubljana-airport.si](http://www.ljubljana-airport.si)), you can travel by bus to Klagenfurt with Kärnten Bus ([www.kaernten-bus.at](http://www.kaernten-bus.at)) for 16€ one-way, which will take approx. 1.5 hours. The line operates 5 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) = one-way from 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) = one-way from 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.viennaairport.com](http://www.viennaairport.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) = one-way starting from 19€) or by bus (approx. 4 hours; [www.westbus.at](http://www.westbus.at) = 24€).

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**The conference venue**

The conference venue is located at the campus of the University of Klagenfurt which is located at the Universitätsstraße in Klagenfurt. The campus is close to the lake Wörthersee.

For you global orientation, we have created a map of the city with the main points of arrival, conference venue and place of the banquet (Villa Lido):

![Map of Klagenfurt](image)
Coming from the city center it takes approximately 15 minutes by bike, 10 minutes by car and taxi (about 15€). There is a citybus with the number “81” from the center to the university starting at “Heiligengeistplatz” to “University” that takes 8 minutes. Please copy the following link in your browser for more bus traveling information:


Starting the meeting on Thursday the 24th with the pre-conference workshops at 14.30h, we will open the registration at 13h. The registration is located at our main conference building, i.e. the Canteen Building (“Mensa-Gebäude”, highlighted in blue) on the ground floor at the Universitätsstr. 90.

The open plenary with Mark Hilsenroth and welcome reception afterwards will take place at the Auditorium in lecture hall A (HS A, also highlighted in blue). Please register before going to the plenary or reception and plan a short walk of approximately 5 minutes between Canteen Building and Auditorium. The registration will be open until 19.30h on Thursday.

Restaurant and Hotels in Klagenfurt

Attached to this newsletter you will find a map with selected restaurants, bars and hotels in Klagenfurt. The range of restaurants in town goes from regional food (including the famous “Kärntner Kasnudel” a vegetarian big noodle filled with curd cheese) and international cuisine from Italian to Japanese.

Using the following link, you will have access to all restaurants in the university area:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zqmDcwIR9boo.kljcKUDdxFAg
**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/coordination**, 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 workshop 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 look forward meeting you all in Klagenfurt

Henning Schauenburg