



First circular Larwood Meeting 2017 in Vienna

Dear colleagues and friends!

A short update on the upcoming Larwood meeting 2017 in Vienna.

The first registration deadline is over and so far about 40 participants from all over the globe have registered.

Registration & Abstracts:

Abstract should be submitted until 31st of March 2017. Late registration will be possible until end of February. However, because of the high number of talks already, almost no additional talks can be submitted, posters are still welcome. Abstract should be submitted in English language, use Arial as font with font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. Structure should be a usual with a title, followed by authors and author affiliations and then the abstract (max. 500 words).

Presentations – Talks and Posters

Since we have so many registrations including 29-30 talks for 1.5 days, time for each talk will be restricted to 10 minutes plus 5 minutes discussion. As usual, however, discussion is also possible during all our breaks and events – so if your talk will be 13 minutes, no problem. Poster should be A0 size (1180x840mm).

If you need any special IT hardware or any special requests, please let me know. Personal laptops can also be used for the presentations – if you intend to do so, it would be good to inform me about that, so I can arrange sessions with least changes as possible. To check if everything is working properly on our computer, everybody is welcome to quickly check during the icebreaker and during registration times or any coffee break of course.

Preliminary program:

Thursday, 25th of May: 18:00 Registration & Icebreaker will take place at the University of University at the Biocenter in the 9th district, Althanstraße 14.



Main entrance to the Biocenter in the 9th district. (marked in red below in the map)

Friday, 26th of May: 08:30-09:00 registration. From 09:00 till 18:00 presentations with coffee and lunch breaks. Afterwards dinner – location to be confirmed yet.

Saturday, 27th of May: from approx. 09:00 till 11:00 additional presentations. Current plan for the excursion is to travel to a nearby medieval castle and have a guided tour there, followed by a tour to a fossil locality and then enjoy wine and food in the vineyards just outside of Vienna.

Sunday, 28th of May: ~10:00 excursion and tour through the city, followed by lunch and a visit to the Natural History Museum in Vienna. We will get a guided tour through one or two of the scientific collections. Afterwards, the public collection can be checked by everyone, including the just recently opening exhibition of the impressive Blaschka glass models

(http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/exhibitions/neuerungen_exhibitions/blaschka_glass_models).

Travelling to and in Vienna

To Vienna

Vienna is easily accessible via train, bus and of course plane. Anyone checking flights with a tight budget might also want to check connections from their location to Bratislava airport. Some airlines like Ryanair will only fly to this airport and a lot of Viennese people often take the cheaper option via Bratislava airport. There are regular bus coaches from Bratislava airport to Vienna – as I recall 1 or 2 buses every hour (duration for a bus drive would normally be an hour).

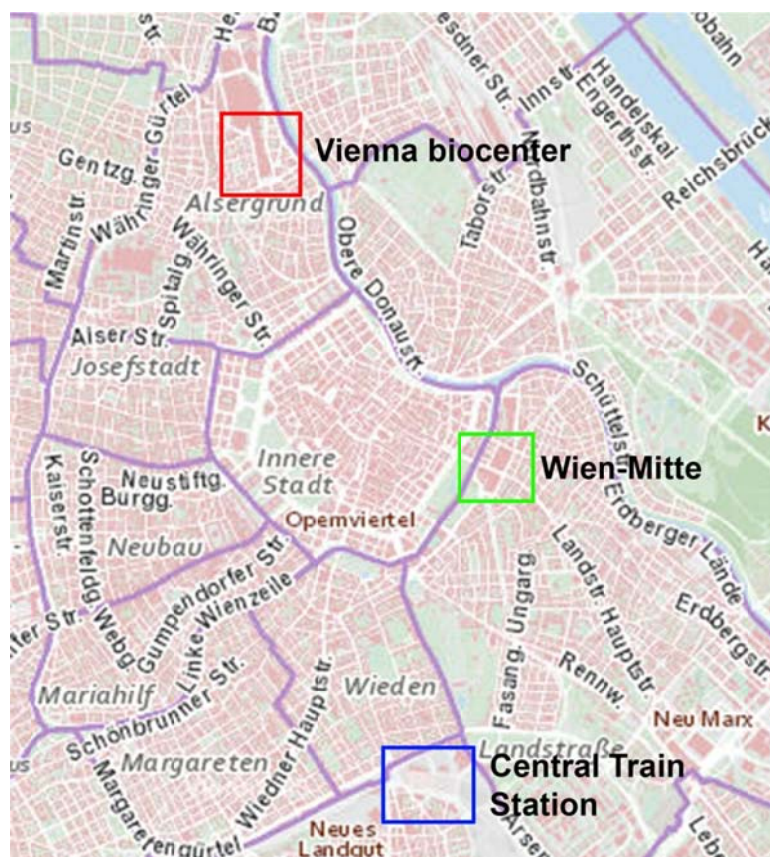
If you travel to the Viennese airport in Schwechat just south of Vienna, the easiest way to get to the city is via train. There are two types of trains, the S-Bahn (which goes twice per hour into the city) and the CAT (CityAirportTrain, also twice per hour). The S-Bahn is somewhat slower (~25 minutes)

but much cheaper (~3.90 € one way) whereas the CAT is faster (~15 minutes) but much more expensive (single 11 €, both ways 17 €). The S-Bahn has several stops including Wien-Mitte/Landstrasse, whereas the CAT directly goes to Wien-Mitte/Landstrasse. Please note that the St.Marx BioCenter stop you will come by with the S-Bahn is not related to our biocenter!

Alternatively you can also get into the city by bus (~7-10 €) or by taxi (depending on your destination ~40-50 €).

In Vienna

From Wien-Mitte it is easy to connect to the green subway, the U4. If you want to go near our Biocenter you would have to go into the direction 'Heiligenstadt' and drop off at station 'Spittelau' which is very close then.



A single ticket for public transport in Vienna is 2.20 €. There are also options to buy like 72h tickets which you can use for 72h after validation (current price 16.50 €). Alternatively there is a week-ticket which is valid from Monday 00:00 until the following Monday 09:00 (current price 16.20 €).

Accomodation:

There are several hotels in close vicinity of our University, but since the public transport system is very good in the city, basically most accommodations close to a subway station should reasonably bring you to your destination. If you have any questions concerning the location of your hotel, please don't hesitate to ask. Prices for single rooms generally range from 70-90 € per night, but there are also cheaper options from 50-70 €. There are numerous hostels also where a bed in a dorm costs ~15-20 €. Please keep in mind Vienna is a tourist-hot spot as well as congress city no. 1 in the world (I

think the current statistics state 70% of all hotel bookings every year are from congresses and meetings).

Final remarks:

I'm really looking forward to see you all next year in Vienna. I think the number of participants will probably rise until the meeting to 50+ people, so it will nice to see many regulars as well as newcomers to this meeting. The second and final circular will be distributed approximately at the beginning of April. Any questions, email me anytime.

Happy New Year to you all!

Thomas