

1st Circular

## 26th International Cave Bear Symposium 2020



**Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen, Mannheim, Germany**

**8th – 11th October 2020**

**Conference Organisers:**

**Dr. Doris Döppes  
Dr. Sarah-Nelly Friedland  
Prof. Dr. Wilfried Rosendahl**

The 26<sup>th</sup> International Cave Bear Symposium (ICBS 2020) will be held for the fourth time in Germany. All researchers and interested parties are invited to take an active (talk/poster) or passive role in the proceedings. Basic data about the congress is given in this 1<sup>st</sup> circular. At the end of the document there is a booking form with which you can register for the symposium.

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<http://www.eiszeit-safari.de/stationen/icbs/>

## Congress location

The congress will take place in Mannheim (Baden-Württemberg), a modern and innovative city situated at the junction of the rivers Rhine and Neckar. The talks and presentations will take place in the „Anna-Reiss-Saal“, Museum Weltkulturen (D5).

## How to get there

Mannheim is best reached by car by taking the motorway exit "Mannheim Mitte" or "Käfertal B36" from the A6 Nuremberg/ Saarbrücken.

ICE trains connect Mannheim main Station (Hauptbahnhof/Hbf) to the Stuttgart Airport and Frankfurt Airport in about 40 minutes. ICE connections are available from many cities in Germany. From the station you can walk to the museum within 15 minutes or you can take the tram to "Paradeplatz" (usually three stations, routes and lines may change due to undergoing construction).

## Conference Fees

The conference fee is 50 €. The fee includes entry to all congress presentations, along with refreshments during breaks in the proceedings on the day of presentations, the welcome drink, the conference dinner and the excursion day. Payment details follow in the 2nd circular. For the post-conference excursion, there will be an extra fee of 10 €.

## Accommodation

The City and the Metropolregion Rhine-Neckar have numerous hotels, guesthouses und B&Bs offering all classes of accommodation in all price ranges. More information can be obtained from the Tourist Office - see <https://www.visit-mannheim.de/hotels-mannheim>.

## Registration

Please use the attached registration form and send it to [doris.doeppes@mannheim.de](mailto:doris.doeppes@mannheim.de). Registration ends on April 4th 2020.

Confirmation of a place on an excursion can only be given to persons providing their email address. All excursions will rely on the use of private vehicles.

## Any Questions?

Please direct all your questions or queries to the conference organisers.

## PROGRAMME

### Thu, 8.10.2020: "Schimper day, registration, public lecture and welcome drink

- 10 am – 4 pm: „Schimper“ day in the „Anna-Reiss-Saal“, Museum Weltkulturen (D5)  
Talks about the Naturalist Karl Friedrich Schimper (\*15. Februar 1803 in Mannheim; † 21. Dezember 1867 in Schwetzingen) who established the term “Eiszeit” and among others the „Eiszeitlehre“ will be held in German and will be organized by the team of the University of Mannheim. Further information will follow in the next circular.
- 4 pm – 7 pm: Registration in the foyer at the Museum Weltkulturen (D5)
- 7 pm: Public lecture in the „Anna-Reiss-Saal“, Museum Weltkulturen (D5)  
**Wilfried Rosendahl:** Mannheim, Eiszeit und Klimawandel - der Oberrheingraben und seine Bedeutung für die Erforschung der Klimageschichte
- 8:30 pm: Welcome drink in the exhibition “Eiszeit-Safari” at the Museum Weltkulturen (D5)

### Fri, 9.10.2020: Excursion day and barbecue

**Mauer:** Visit the sand pit and the “Urgeschichtliche Museum“ at the Rathausgebäude (Heidelberger Str. 34, 69256 Mauer)

A small selection of vertebrate fossils and a copy of the lower jaw are exhibited in the museum. There are explanations of the history of the find, the geology of the sand pit and the environment in which *Homo heidelbergensis* lived.

**Heidelberg:** Visit the original of the lower jaw in the Institute of Earth Sciences of Heidelberg University (In Neuenheimer Feld 234-236, 69120 Heidelberg)

The latest studies give the lower jaw an age of 610,000 years. The lower jaw is one of the oldest known representatives of the species *Homo heidelbergensis*.

**Bensheim/Lorsch:** Visit and barbecue at the Naturschutzzentrum Bergstraße (An der Erlache 17, 64625 Bensheim)

The nature conservation center with an outdoor area is located on the Erlache near Bensheim on the edge of a depression that was created by the prehistoric river „Alt-Neckar“. In the neighbourhood there is a gravel pit, in which the sediments of the former river system are mined. Since autumn 2017, water buffalos graze on parts of the area.

### Sat, 10.10.2020: Talk and poster presentations and conference dinner

9 am – 6 pm: Talks and poster presentations

The final programme will be announced in the next circular. The presentations will be held in the „Anna-Reiss-Saal“, Museum Weltkulturen (D5). A time limit of 20 minutes (15 min talk and 5 min discussion) is planned for each speaker. Talks may be given in English or German. Poster size should be DIN A1 portrait.

7 pm: Conference dinner in the „Florian-Waldeck-Saal“, Museum Zeughaus (C5)

### Sun, 11.10.2020: Post conference excursion and departure

11:30 am: Visit the show cave Herbstlabyrinth in Breitscheid in Hesse (schauhoehle-breitscheid.de)

The Herbstlabyrinth-Advent Cave System near Breitscheid in the Westerwald – discovered in 1993 - is the largest cave system in Hesse and has a total length of 12,657 meters. The cave has not been fully explored. A small part, the so-called "Knöpfchenhalle", was opened in 2009 as a show cave.

**Booking Form (return at latest till the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2020)  
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**Please return at latest till the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 to:**

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**Types of Presentations:**

Lecture .....15+5 minutes

Poster .....A1 portrait

**Presentation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Excursion:**  **with own transport: yes / no**

**Post conference excursion:**  **with own transport: yes / no**