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Second Announcement

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**Meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.
'Strandhotel Seehof', Langlau near Spalt, Bavaria, Germany
29 June – 3 July 2025**

Dear colleagues,

we have much pleasure in inviting you to attend the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, to be held from 29 June – 3 July 2025 in the 'Strandhotel Seehof', Langlau, Bavaria, Germany; address: Strandhotel Seehof GmbH & Co. KG, Seestraße 33, 91738 Pfofeld - Langlau am Kleinen Brombachsee; website: <https://www.strandhotel-seehof.de/>. The venue is situated 9 km from the city of Spalt in Franconia and offers accommodation, meals, and conference facilities all under the same one roof. It is situated directly on the shore of 'Kleiner Brombachsee', a well-known local recreation area and destination for family holidays.

Spalt has a long history of hop cultivation and is one of the world's traditional hop growing regions. It is world-renowned as home of the 'Spalter' variety, one of the four noble hops. Our local hosts are the IHGC fellows from the HVG Spalt, with CEO Dr Frank Braun and Ms Sandra Pogue in charge of the organization. We are most grateful to our Franconian friends to offer us this great opportunity and a unique and wonderful destination for our meeting! International hop scientists should take the chance of the STC meeting to visit this famous and charming hop growing region at long last and discover Franconian hospitality. And there is nothing like personal networking with colleagues from all over the World, accompanied by a few beers!

Preliminary programme outline:

- Sunday, 29 June 2025
 - Arrival of delegates and hotel check-in
 - **16:00–20:00 h** Registration
 - **18:00–20:00 h** Ice-breaker
 - **20:00 h** Welcome dinner in Strandhotel Seehof
- Monday, 30 June 2025
 - **08:00–09:00 h** Registration
 - **09:00–17:00 h** Scientific programme
 - **17:00 h** Free time
 - **20:00 h** Dinner in Strandhotel Seehof
- Tuesday, 1 July 2025
 - **09:00–10:30 h** Scientific programme
 - **10:30 h** Bavarian breakfast with Weißwurst (typical sausage) and Brezen (Pretzels)
 - **11:15 h** Excursion by coach to Spalt, with visit of the city by foot; continuation to the Hersbruck hop growing region, with visit of an organic hop farm and barbecue event there in the evening
 - **ca 22:00 / 23:00 h** Return to Strandhotel Seehof (2 coaches)
- Wednesday, 2 July 2025
 - **09:00–16:30 h** Scientific programme
 - **16:30–18:00 h** Poster session
 - **18:00–18:30 h** Administrative meeting of the STC, I.H.G.C.
 - **20:00 h** Official congress dinner in Strandhotel Seehof
- Thursday, 3 July 2025
 - Breakfast
 - Departure of delegates

Accommodation

We have reserved a lot of 80 double rooms in the Strandhotel Seehof for the conference at a special price. Hotel accommodation (incl. breakfast and tax) in a **double room**, if used by **one person**, is **€ 167.00 per night**.

The price for a **double room**, if used by **two persons**, is **€ 207.00 per night**.

The room price also includes the use of swimming pool, sauna, fitness room etc., and free parking. For other options, like a family suite, please contact the Strandhotel Seehof directly.

The booking and payment of your accommodation should be made by each attendee directly.

Contact e-mail address for booking your accommodation is

info@strandhotel-seehof.de with the reference **STC-2025**

Registration fee

Please note that the given early-bird price is preliminary and can still change slightly, depending on the number of attendees and potential sponsoring. The registration fee is a package price covering practically all costs (except accommodation) of the event and can't be divided into single items.

Registration fee (preliminary; can still change, depending on sponsoring and number of attendees)	Early-bird price <u>before or on</u> 30 April 2025	<u>After</u> 30 April 2025
Delegate or accompanying person	ca 550 €	650 €

The registration fee for delegates or the accompanying person includes

- attendance at the meeting and all events from Sunday evening to Thursday morning
- conference proceedings and other conference material
- all other conference costs, like the rent for conference rooms and equipment
- the full mid-conference excursion on Tuesday: Coach ride to Spalt, with visit of the city by foot, and continuation to the Hersbruck hop growing region, with visit of an organic hop farm and barbecue event there.
- all meals (lunches and coffee breaks, with non-alcoholic drinks, and table water) during the conference
- the welcome dinner on Sunday, the dinner on Monday, and the official conference dinner on Wednesday, with table wine and table water
- but **NOT** your hotel accommodation, which must be booked and balanced by each attendee separately (see under 'Accommodation')
- and **NOT** your travel costs for getting there.

The STC is responsible for payment in full of the entire event. We therefore expect timely payment of the calculated registration fee before 30 April 2025!

Payment of registration fee

Please transfer your registration fee to the bank account of the Scientific-Technical Commission. Note that there is a significantly higher fee for late registration after 30 April 2025, which is unfortunately necessary to warrant timely payment by participants! Please make sure that your remittance to the bank account is **free of bank charges to the receiver**.

Account Name: Dr. Florian Weihrauch
Credit institute: Deutsche Kreditbank AG
IBAN: DE52 1203 0000 1057 9742 20
BIC/SWIFT code: BYLADEM1001
Reference: **STC2025 + name of participant**

Cancelling your registration and refunding of fees

Following the decisions made at the administrative meeting in 2001, 50 % of the total amount of the fee is not refunded if the registration is cancelled by a participant after 16 June 2025. Cancelling three days before the meeting means no refund of the total amount.

Early bird registration deadline: 30 April 2025

Free cancellation of registration (at no expense): until 31 May 2025

Cancellation fee as of 16 June 2025: 50 % of expenses

Cancellation as of 26 June 2025: no refund

How to get there

By plane: There are two possible destinations if travelling by air. The closest is Nuremberg Airport “Albrecht Dürer” (NUE), which is regularly served by Lufthansa from Frankfurt, and by Air France-KLM from Paris CDG and Amsterdam. From Nuremberg Airport, take the subway U2 to Nuremberg Central Station, then continue by train (see below). The total travel time from the airport to Strandhotel Seehof is approximately 1.5 hours. If traveling by rental car, the drive from NUE takes about 45 minutes, depending on traffic.

The second option for air travel is Munich Airport “Franz-Josef Strauß” (MUC), one of Europe’s most important hub airports and served by most international airlines. From there, various public transport connections to Nuremberg Central Station exist by train or by bus (2.5 h journey time at least).

By train: From Nuremberg Central Station, take hourly running regional trains (RB 16, RE 16) in direction to Munich or Augsburg. Change at Pleinfeld station to regional trains in direction Gunzenhausen or Wassertrüdingen, and leave at the second stop, Langlau (ca 50 min. journey time from Nuremberg). From the tiny station at Langlau, we’ll arrange a shuttle service to Strandhotel Seehof (distance ca 1.5 km) on Sunday afternoon upon request, on short notice.

By bus: Direct FlixBus connections to Nuremberg exist from Berlin, Munich, and Prague. The central bus station of Nuremberg (address: ZOB, Käte-Strobel-Straße) is located very close (200 m) to the Central Station.

By car: Please check a map service like Google Maps. Address for satnav is: Seestraße 33, 91738 Pfeld – Langlau. Use the car park to the left at the end of the road, 100 m from the hotel.

Presentation of papers and posters

If you are planning to give a talk or to present a poster, please send the title, names of authors, and an abstract (max. 200 words) **until 10 March 2025** to Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de. From all submitted abstracts we'll select the presentations accepted for the conference (ca 36 talks, 20 posters). First authors will be notified **before 28 March 2025** if their contribution has been accepted.

At the meeting, please present your paper or poster **in English**. Oral presentations will be **15-20 minutes** in length (**including discussion**), depending on the number of submissions. Session chairs are encouraged to strictly observe the time limits of every talk. A beamer for Power Point presentations will be available. For posters we are providing the equipment necessary to fix the posters to a pinboard.

For each presentation or poster, a **manuscript version** (presentation: max. 4 pages; poster: 1 page) for the conference proceedings is mandatory, which has to be submitted **until 2 May 2025 (cob)**. Detailed information will be provided to presenters with the next announcement or on the website of the STC, see <https://www.lfl.bayern.de/ipz/hopfen/024299/index.php>

Early application for a visa if necessary

For those persons who need a visa for traveling to Germany, we can provide an official letter of invitation upon request. For more information, please see <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/>.

Registration

Please register as soon as possible by returning the registration form

via e-mail to Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de

Contact for further questions

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If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would appreciate if you could pass on this information to your colleagues or any other person interested in hop research.

We are much looking forward to meeting you in Spalt in the early summer of 2025!

For the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.

Dr. Frank Braun and Dr. Florian Weihrauch