

## **Program for the accompanying persons**

Apart from the scientific (and social) IUFRO events organized for all the participants, there is always a special program for accompanying persons organized during the conference hours. The organizers have prepared a rich and versatile program. Accompanying persons are encouraged to explore the stunning city of Dresden and its surroundings and furthermore the lovely town of Goettingen, as well as the fabulous region of the Weser hills. There is always an English-speaking guide taking a permanent whole-day mother like care of the accompanying persons. In addition, there are special English-speaking guides in the places visited by the group.

Enjoy the daily tours that are available while the meeting is in session:

### **Monday, Sept., 12<sup>th</sup>**

4pm to 8pm registration and icebreaker (together with all participants)  
(included in the prize).

### **Tuesday, Sept., 13<sup>th</sup>**

Parallel to the scientific program we would like to show you the most fabulous sites of Dresden city. The city of Dresden is famous for its well-known sights such as the Green Vault, the Frauenkirche or the Semper Opera.

We think it is worth spending a few hours to get to know the most interesting parts of the town.

The accompanying persons group will choose 2 out of the following 4 points of interest (included in the prize):

#### a) Old Masters Picture Gallery

This museum owes its world renown to the outstanding quality of its paintings. Among the primary focuses are Italian paintings of the Renaissance and works in Baroque style. Equally significant are the collections of Dutch and Flemish paintings and of paintings by Spanish, French and German artists of the 16th to 18th centuries.

#### b) New Masters Gallery in the Albertinum

The Albertinum houses the Sculpture Collection and the New Masters Gallery. The exhibition is dedicated to the art from Romanticism to the present thus offering an overview of the development of the visual arts over the past 200 years.

#### c) Forum for Science, Culture and Society

"Marvel - Learn - Try out" is the motto at Europe's only science museum to focus on the human being and body within the context of the environment and society, culture and science. Beside the permanent show, the museum's temporary exhibitions look at current issues in science and society, and how they affect our everyday lives.

#### d) Historic Green Vault and the New Green Vault

In two exhibition areas "Neues Grünes Gewölbe" (New Green Vault) and "Historisches Grünes Gewölbe" (Historic Green Vault) of very different character, visitors will experience these magnificent artworks of gold, silver, precious gems, enamel, ivory, bronze and amber in an intensity unparalleled to date. The treasure chambers of the Wettin family are especially well known.

In the evening you have leisure time in Dresden city together with your partner

**Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Trip to Pillnitz Palace by steam boat on the Elbe River

Elbe Paddle-Steamer Route (included in the prize)

Gliding up the Elbe River in a historic paddle steamer is one of the most pleasant ways to experience the Elbe River and discover the sights close to Dresden city. We plan a ride in one of these unique paddle steamers and enjoying a nostalgic journey on one of Europe's major scenic rivers. It will be a round trip by paddle steamer from Dresden to the fairytale summer palace in Pillnitz passing also Albrechtsberg, Lingner and Eckberg Palaces, Dresden's so-called Elbe Palaces.

This river sightseeing tour has commentary in German and English.

Pillnitz Palace, the former summer residence of the Saxon royal court – the main palace wings were built 1720-22 for Augustus the Strong – is today the home of the Museum of Decorative Arts. The park is deserving of particular attention, as it combines the strict forms of the baroque period with those of an English landscape garden. Alongside many rare trees the over 200-year-old Japanese camellia is a particular magnet for visitors.

We organize a guided tour of the palace park (in English) (included in the prize)

Guided walk

Together with your partner we will have a guided walk through historic centre of Dresden starting at 6pm in the historic centre of Dresden (The accompanying persons join the active participants for the social event, included in the prize).

Afterwards we will have dinner and wine/beer in a recommendable restaurant close to the Opera house "Alte Meister" (<http://www.altemeister.net/en/index.php>) (not included in the prize)

Semper-Opera-House of Dresden (optional)

Listen to a performance in one of the most famous Opera Houses of the world with its brilliant acoustics of the beautifully decorated auditorium and the splendid depth and resonance, as well as the stunning clarity of voice and orchestra with its unforgettable Semperoper sound.

IUFRO-Guests and accompanying persons interested in Opera music have the opportunity to listen to a performance. You can find the program up to March on the homepage: <http://www.semperoper.de/en.html>

The easiest and fastest way to get hold of your tickets is print Print@Home  
Simply purchase and print out the desired tickets yourself using the secure and straightforward Print@Home software.  
(not included in the prize)

dinner, beer in the same location ("Alte Meister" , see above)

## **Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Free time in the morning (individual trips, shopping).

12am to 3pm bus trip into the forests Thuringia (in between lunch)  
(The accompanying persons join the active participants for the excursion event, included in the prize).

6pm to 8pm bus trip to Goettingen

Free time in the evening

## **Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

### Trip to the Solling Mountains, the Weser hills and Imperial Abbey of Corvey

The village Fuerstenberg is located high above the River Weser in the middle of the Weser Hills region directly on the German Fairy Tale Route with its picturesque buildings from the Weser Renaissance.

North Germany's only porcelain museum is right here, at the restored Weser Renaissance castle, which is under historical preservation protection. On an area of more than 12,900 sq. ft exhibits from 3 centuries of porcelain art are on display. This collection of more than 10,000 unique pieces whets your appetite for the culture of table and living; at the same time, it is an exhilarating journey through more than 260 years of cultural history.

The castle's museum, the manufactory store and the visitor's work shop promise an exciting journey through the centuries into the world of best porcelain.

We organize a guided tour of the museum (in English) (included in the prize)

The breath-taking vista from here over the Weser valley is unparalleled. The historical town of Hoexter with its timber-framed houses, its medieval alleys and lanes and a lively city centre is not far away. From the manufacturer's castle to the next fairy tale castle is only a stone's throw. The former Imperial Abbey of Corvey is located just outside Weser town Hoexter.

### Trip back to Goettingen

6pm to 7:30pm guided walk through town of Goettingen (in English) (included in the prize)

Farewell dinner party

(The accompanying persons join the active participants for the party, included in the prize).

## **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

End of conference, transport to railway station