

Social Programme 20th Biennial ISSBD Meeting Würzburg, July 13 – 17, 2008

Monday, July 14, 2008

Excursion to Rothenburg ob der Tauber through the romantic countryside

Experience the popular German Romantic Route during this trip. The bus will take the participants to several beautiful locations starting at the Renaissance castle in Weikersheim. Furthermore, the Hergott's church will be visited where an amazing altar carving can be seen. The highlight of the tour will be the magnificent city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber with its historic city centre and beautiful alleys.

Time: 09.00 h – 17.00 h
Meeting point: Registration desk at the Congress Centre, Würzburg
Costs: € 35,-- per person (including bus transfer, tour guide and entrance fee at castle Weikersheim, Hergotts church in Creglingen and Jacob's church in Rothenburg, excl. drinks/meals)

Wine-tasting in a historical wine cellar

The visit of the historical 4.557 m² vault beneath Balthasar Neumann's palace is a highlight worth seeing. The guided tour starts with a welcoming drink, followed by an expedition through the fantastically illuminated wine cellar. During the tour by an English-speaking wine expert, German bread and sparkling water will be served while the various different wines can be tasted. The wine tasting will be completed with a cosy get-together where typical food from the region can be enjoyed.

Time: 18.00 h – 21.00 h
Meeting point: Residenzplatz / Frankonia-Fountain
Cost: € 32,-- per person (including wine tasting - 6 wine samples and snacks – typical food from the region)

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Guided city tour "Medieval Würzburg"

In the small alleys around the market square the guide will inform you about former labour and working conditions. The Kiliansdom shows various impressive works from the famous sculptor Tilman Riemenschneider. Passing the house of Riemenschneider, a wonderful view onto vineyards and the Festung Marienberg can be seen from the Alte Mainbrücke. Furthermore, the guide will provide interesting tales about the farmers' wars and life in a castle including the Minnesang - a special type of singing in the old days.

Time: 10.00 h – 12.00 h
Meeting point: Registration desk at the Congress Centre, Würzburg
Cost: € 8 per person

Conference Dinner

The dinner will be held at the Hofbräukeller Würzburg. This traditional brewery was founded in the year 1643 and looks back on an interesting history. During the Thirty Years' War, the founder of the brewery, prince-bishop Johann Philipp von Schönborn, had the idea of starting a baronial brewery to provide the soldiers with beer and keep them calm and satisfied. Ever since then, good quality beer was brewed there for many years. The year 1516 was the official initiation of the German purity law which is appreciated all over the world. Please note, that the Hofbräukeller also offers several Franconian wines and non-alcoholic beverages.

You will have the pleasure to try culinary specialties and enjoy a festive evening within the old stonewalls. Performances will contribute to the atmosphere and provide entertainment.

The Hofbräukeller is within walking distance from the Congress Centre (15 minutes walk). A bus transfer from the Maritim Hotel Würzburg to the Hofbräukeller and back will be provided.

Please note, that the number of tickets is limited.

Time: 19.30 h – 23.00 h
Venue: Würzburger Hofbräukeller, Jägerstraße 17, 97082 Würzburg
Transfer: 19.00 h Departure at the Hotel Maritim Würzburg
23.00 h Departure at the Würzburger Hofbräukeller to Hotel Maritim Würzburg
Cost: € 45,-- per person (including food and beverages)

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Excursion to Bamberg

The tour starts at the Congress Centre in Würzburg. The first stop will be in Ebrach, where the medieval Zisterzienserabtei will be visited, and continues to the old emperor and bishop city of Bamberg. The highlight will be the Roman-Gothic cathedral with the Bamberger Reiter and the tomb of emperor Heinrich and his wife Kunigunde built by Tilman Riemenschneider. Furthermore, you will have the chance to see ancient palace wall fragments in the Alte Hofhaltung and the new residence including the rose garden. The excursion will continue through the Obere Maintal via Bad Staffelstein to the basilica Vierzehnheiligen, a magnificent work by Balthasar Neumann.

Please note that there are no English guided tours available at the Zisterzienserabtei in Ebrach.

Time: 09.00 h – 17.00 h
Meeting point: Registration desk at the Congress Centre, Würzburg
Costs: € 25,-- per person (including bus transfer and tour guide, excl. drinks/meals)

Guided city tour "Würzburger stone – viniculture, ecology and the city from a bird's perspective"

Enjoy a hiking tour through the famous vineyard region of Würzburg and see the work which is required to operate a vineyard, the use of the different landscape and the various types of wines. As a reward for the hike there is a fantastic view over the city of Würzburg.

Time: 9.45 h – 12.15 h

Meeting point: Registration desk at the Congress Centre, Würzburg

Costs: € 12,-- (including transfer and tour guide)

The tours will only be operated if a minimum number of participants is reached.

In case of cancellation of a tour by the organiser, the ticket fee will be reimbursed.

In case of a cancellation by the participant, there will be no refund of the ticket fee.

Additional daily tour: Guided tour in the „Residenz“

Balthasar Neumanns "Residenz" is one of Europe's most renowned baroque castles and it is registered as an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. You will tour the famous staircase with awe inspiring frescos of the Venetian artist Tiepolo, the imperial hall (under renovation) and the mirror cabinet. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to take a walk on your own through the Hofgarten of Johan Brokop Mayer. In the Baroque site there are wonderful symmetrically built gardens, patios and terraces which are fascinating.

The tours are offered in English daily at 11.00 h and 15.00 h and take approximately 45 minutes. Entrance fee including guided tour is € 5,-- per person.

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