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2021 B.H.S.

Conference / Konferenz

March announcement – English Version

Dear BHS Members and Collector Friends!

Unfortunately everyday life is still determined by the Corona pandemic. Yet, we look forward to October with confidence and expect to be able to proceed with our meeting.

Booking early is free of any risk: Your room reservation and meals are to be paid to the hotel upon arrival and if cancelled four weeks prior to the beginning of the conference, no fees will apply. Moreover, the conference package costs will not apply if you cancel your participation two weeks before the beginning.

We will reserve tables in restaurants for the group dinners. One dinner will be in our conference hotel restaurant. We will inform you about the restaurants and ask about your definite participation in due time.

In the unfortunate event the conference should need to be cancelled due to corona, cancellation will be free of any charge to you or our Society.



The programme of lectures, workshops, displays (cf. 5.) as well as our day trips or events for accompanying persons is under way. As always, it will be a good mixture of specialist information and contributions, space for informal talks and exchanges, swaps and trade, all in our usual informal atmosphere.

Date: October 6th to 10th, 2021

Provisional programme

Wednesday

Arrival of the early birds. No activities are planned but the bar will be opened from 19.00 H onwards...

Thursday

Excursion (scheduled: Nördlingen) with guided city walk (ca € 5/p.p.) lunch break (pay yourself); evening: dinner, talks and chats at the hotel bar.

Friday

Visit to Zeiss Oberkochen – optical museum – showroom (current binocular developments) – information and visit to the Hensoldt “Sehrohr-turm” (U-boat periscope tower) – lunch break sponsored by Zeiss in their company café.

Friday late afternoon: 1st registration & welcome + workshop introduction, group dinner, talks and chats at the hotel bar.

Saturday and Sunday

Registration for late arrivals, welcome, conference programme with lectures, workshops, exhibition, breaks for talks, coffee and lunch snacks, swap and trade meet, walk up to the local hill with its look-out tower (don't forget to bring your binos!), group dinners, talks and chats at the hotel bar.

At the moment we're working hard on our accompanying persons programme (tba): A visit the Steiff-Museum in Giengen and/or a visit to



Aalen for shopping and an exploration of the Roman Museum in Aalen (maybe also relax in the thermal spa there?), a creative workshop at the City Creative Centre are only a grab of the countless possibilities.

Please, send the filled in registration form to

conference-committee@bhs.binopedia.info or mobile number
+49(0)176 45878681 (U. Zeun).

Here is the relevant information:

1. Hotel / Parking / Conference room

Our conference hotel and the attached conference room “Bürgersaal” is
Hotel VILOTEL
Eugen-Bolz-Platz 2
73447 Oberkochen
Tel.: +49 7364 955540
Fax: +49 7364 9555413
E: info@vilotel.de

The hotel website <https://www.vilotel.de/> offers all you need to know about the available rooms and the hotel itself. It is a modern hotel which opened about two years ago. There are electric charging stations and a lift to the hotel floors in the underground garage. Parking in the garage is not for free, though – amounting to € 8/day. BUT short time parking to take your heavy items to the conference room is free. Further parking lots are behind and near the hotel.

The following rooms are available for the conference at special BHS prices incl. breakfast

- Single bed room: € 60/night
- Twin or double bed room: € 80/night
- As well as more spacious double bed rooms: € 99.80/night (€ 89.90/night when used as single) or
- Penthouse suite (with roof terrace/balcony): € 109.90/night

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You can also book rooms with a connecting door (families!) or a wheelchair friendly room. In some rooms (like penthouse) there are also kitchenettes, which might be useful if you plan a longer stay.

Note: please, book rooms through this link:

(From October 7th to October 11th only, for other dates please contact the hotel!):

<https://onpagebooking.com/vilotel/allotments/7262?allotmentcode=BHS>



If you book by telephone or email please name the keyword “BHS-Conference 2021” in order to claim your lower room rate.

So, again, attendees who want to check in before Thursday and check out after Monday, contact the hotel by phone or email stating the BHS keyword, because the online booking systems cannot cope for any individual bookings before or after the official conference time.

All rooms have to be booked by the participants themselves and paid to the hotel directly during the meeting (contact us if you need support).

You are of course free to book other accommodations. There is only one other hotel/inn in Oberkochen and some private guest rooms. Bigger hotels are in Aalen about 10 km from there.

2. Day package and catering

The day package including coffee and other soft drinks plus snacks during the breaks etc. on Saturday and Sunday is € 114.00 per person. These expenses have to be settled with the hotel directly too.

3. BHS Conference fee

This edition's conference fee amounts to € 50. It is due upon registration and to be paid in **CASH** at the BHS registration desk, both for attendees and accompanying persons. Attendees under the age of 18 and honorary members are exempted from the conference fee.

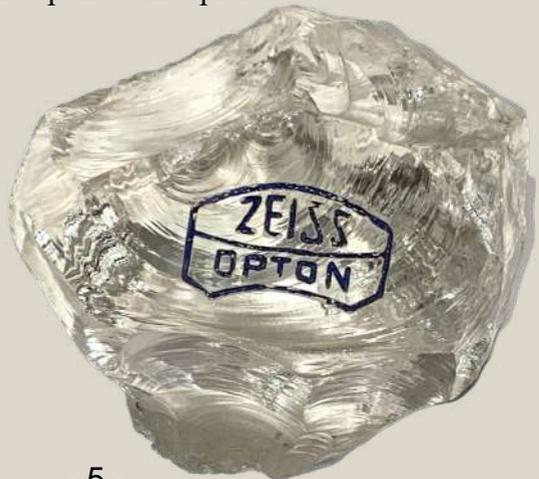
4. Dinners / Diets

Please state your needs for all meals regarding diets and allergies. The hotel confirmed that they can cater for all special needs. For some diversification of location and meals we plan to have the second group dinner in a different restaurant, e.g. the Scheerer-Mühle (probably with a short visit to the mill museum). We ask to state your provisional interests in joining the group dinners on the quest form so that we can roughly estimate who and how many will take part.

5. Lectures / workshops / exhibitions / poster presentations / swap and trade

As usual you are invited to contribute to our meeting with a talk, a workshop, an exhibition or present a video. Days for lectures will be Saturday, 9th and Sunday, 10th, and depending on our further planning maybe Friday afternoon/evening. We are open to all topics.

Your talk should be either in English or in German; if you prefer English, we would like to have a translation into German which can be presented on a second screen. When needed, someone of the conference team will help to translate your text.



Please let us know if you would like to hold a lecture or moderate a workshop

A workshop should take about 45-90 minutes, and be moderated in English, assisted by a German translator (maybe 2 moderators can share English and German language parts). Another idea would be to have a short lecture and offer an insight workshop during which interested attendees can discuss in detail or actually get to know some repair or restoring techniques.

Please name a (provisional working) title of your lecture and, if possible, give an abstract. Our deadline is June, 15th 2021. Please hand in proposals to the conference committee team.

There will be a sale of old and new published books by fellow collectors and as always a swap meet will close the official part of the conference.

We ask you to please state your suggestions and your willingness to contribute on the registration form – if already possible – and let us know about your needs for media, exhibition tables, etc.

Send your registration and other question concerning the meeting to the conference committee per email at

conference-committee@bhs.binopedia.info or reach out to us using the mobile number of Ulrich Zeun +49(0)176 45878681.

We look forward to meet and talk to both old familiar and new optic enthusiasts,

Hanke Jark, Uli Zeun and the entire BHS-Team.

