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## 2022 B.H.S. Conference

### March Announcement

- English Version -

Dear BHS Premium Members and Collector Friends!

With the worst of the pandemic behind us, we're glad to announce that from October 5th to October 9th and upon invitation by Zeiss, Oberkochen will be the scene for the biennial High Mass of the world's historical optics collectors community:

#### **The 2022 B.H.S. Conference!**

At present the federal state of Baden-Württemberg still has mild Covid restrictions in force for hotels, restaurants and meetings. For now it is impossible to predict how the situation will be in October.

Booking early is free of any risk again: 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

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 (at own cost). 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 “Sehrohturm” (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 lec-

tures, workshops, exhibition, breaks for talks, coffee and lunch snacks, swap and trade meet, group dinners, talks and chats at the hotel bar. Official end on Sunday after lunch.

On Sunday afternoon we will offer walk up to the local hill (Volkmarberg) with its look-out tower (don't forget to bring your binos!) and "Albvereinshütte" (bistro) for those who will still stay.

At the moment we're working on our accompanying persons programme (tba): According to the group's wishes options are a visit to 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, or walks in and around Oberkochen (e.g. Kocher spring, Roman cellar).

**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

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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 three 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: € 65/night
- Twin or double bed room: € 85/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 (€ 99.90/night when used as single).

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 5<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup> only, for other dates please contact the hotel!):

<https://onpagebooking.com/vilotel/allotments/8023?allotmentcode=BHS-2022&lang=de>



If you book by telephone or email please name the keyword “BHS-Conference 2022” 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 € 55. It is due upon registration and to be paid in **CASH** at the BHS registration desk, both for members 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 can contribute to our meeting with a talk (30 min. + time for discussion, English or German), a workshop (45-90 min.), exhibitions and display about optics or present a video or poster fostering mutual exchange and findings.

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

The lectures will be held on Saturday Sunday. Talks last about 30 minutes plus some time for discussion. The talks will be held either in English or in German; there will be a translated version presented on a second screen. When needed, someone of the conference team will help to translate your text. A workshop will take about 90 minutes, and be moderated in English, assisted by a German translator (maybe 2 moderators will share English and German language parts). The workshop may start with a short lecture to give insight before discussing in detail or actually get to know some repair or restoring techniques.

Please bring relevant hands-on objects and optics for two of the four planned workshop topics:

- Gas-mask and aviation binoculars
- Cleaning of old binoculars

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

