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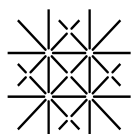
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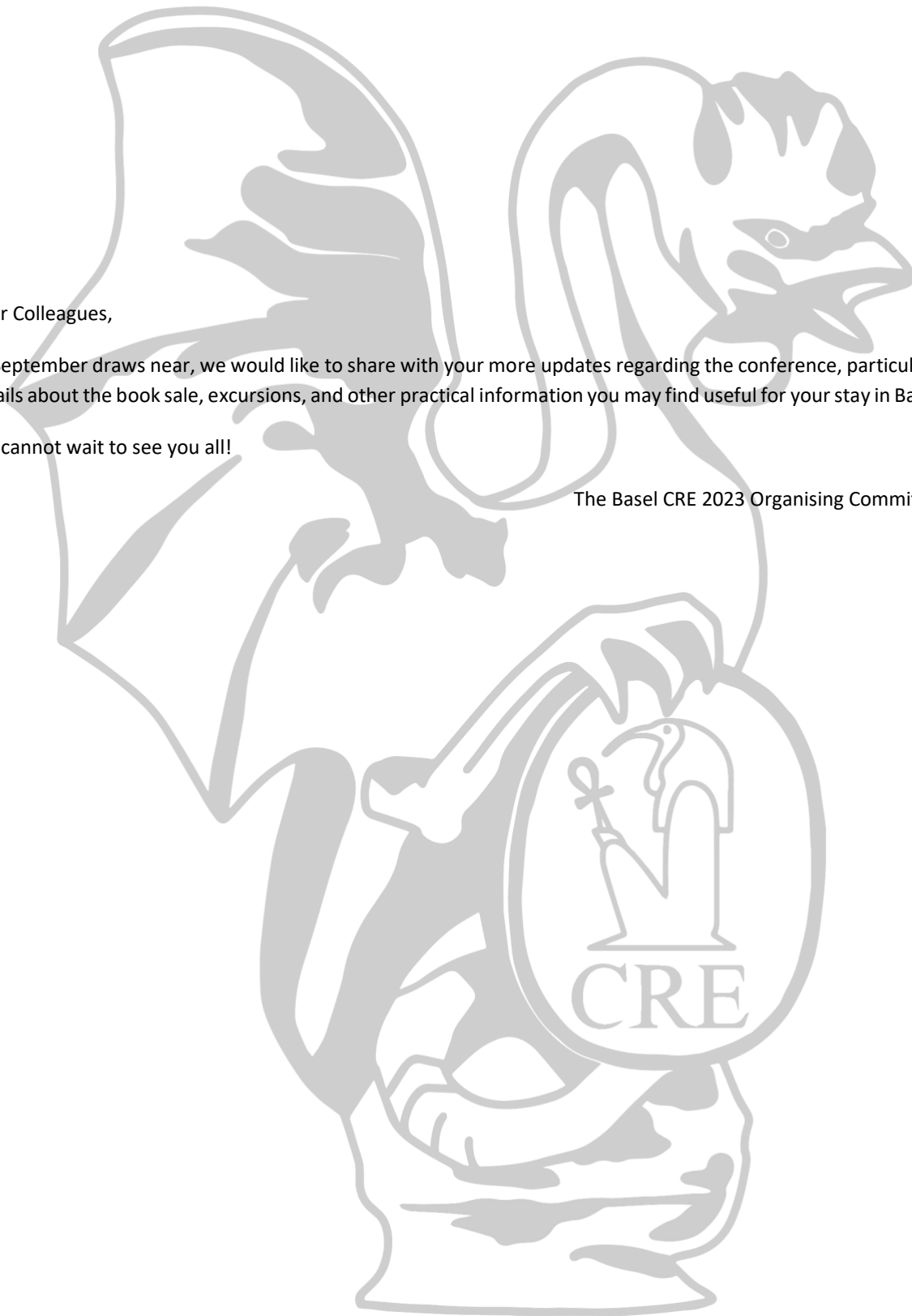
Basel, 21st August, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

As September draws near, we would like to share with you more updates regarding the conference, particularly details about the book sale, excursions, and other practical information you may find useful for your stay in Basel.

We cannot wait to see you all!

The Basel CRE 2023 Organising Committee



1. CONFERENCE VENUES

Registration on 10th September will take place in the **Rosshof** building, which is the home of the Department of Ancient Civilizations (**Departement Altertumswissenschaften**) in Basel. In the evening, our opening ceremony and first keynote lecture will be held in the **Alte Aula of the University of Basel**, located in the city's **Naturhistorisches Museum** (Natural History Museum). The following reception will be held on the **balcony of the Alte Universität**, just across the road by the Rhine. The conference sessions, coffee breaks, and poster sessions, as well as the final two keynotes and closing ceremony, will all be held at the university's **Kollegienhaus by the Petersplatz**. For a detailed map, see page 16.

2. PROGRAMME

Please refer to the finalised programme, published in a separate document.

3. THE CONFERENCE APP AND WI-FI IN BASEL

For the organisation of our conference, we will be using an **app, Yellenge, set up specifically for the CRE in Basel**. The app will feature the full programme and abstracts, the option to set up your own “personal” programme, and will be the source for last-minute updates and cancellations. Most of the content on the app will not require a constant internet connection, but the live updates will. Once the app is ready, you will receive an email containing a link to download it, together with the info you need for the log-in.

Data roaming in Switzerland can be expensive, and we generally recommend turning this option off on your phone. However, all participants of the conference will have access to our **visitor's Wi-Fi at the conference venue**. [BaselCard](#) holders (available for all people staying in a hotel, hostel, AirBnB, etc. in Basel) will also have **free access to the city-wide network “Guest Wi-Fi Basel”**. In University areas we will set up a specific Wi-Fi network that you may connect and use during the conference.

4. BOOKSELLERS

Participants will also be able to purchase on-sale books from the following booksellers and publishers:

- Archaeopress
- BAR Publishing
- Brill
- Buske Verlag
- De Gruyter
- Labyrinth
- Librum
- Missing Link
- Orientverlag
- Peeters
- Propylaeum
- Unibas Fachbereich Ägyptologie

5. PRESENTATION FORMATS

Oral presentations have two different formats: the standard presentations of **20 minutes**, and short talks of **10 minutes**.

Each **20-minute** presentation will be followed by a **5-minute Q&A** session, before a **5-minute break** to allow participants to move between the different rooms. There will be three parallel sessions taking place, and each session will feature either three or four talks followed by a longer break.

The **10-minute** presentations will take place in three parallel sessions on Tuesday afternoon. The sessions will feature four consecutive talks, followed by a **break of 20 minutes**, after which three more talks are presented. After another **break of 20 minutes**, the **poster session** follows. Participants are encouraged to engage with the short format presenters via questions and suggestions during the break and poster session.

Presented posters must be printed in the **A0 format** (1189 × 841 mm), and with a **vertical orientation** only. Additional design choices are left at the discretion of the presenters, but the poster must contain the name, affiliate institution, and contact details of the author(s). The Unibas Student Association of Egyptology is going to award a prize to the presenter whose poster is voted best by all CRE attendees. Voting will be anonymous and will be possible via the conference app.

For **presenters unable to attend CRE in person**, oral presentations can be presented digitally, and posters can be displayed without the author(s) being present. Note that presenting digitally or displaying a poster while being absent from the conference must be discussed with and approved by the Organising Committee well in advance. At the last annual general meeting, the CRE organisation agreed through popular vote that the majority of presentations must remain in-person. While we will try to be as accommodating as possible, we cannot guarantee the possibility to change an in-person presentation to a digital one.

Presenters of digital contributions are asked to **record a video of their presentation** and send it to the organising committee by no later than **6th September, 2023**. The video should feature a PowerPoint presentation (or a similar presentation format) and a clear audio overlay. A video of the author presenting the content (in a smaller window) is appreciated but not necessary. The video length may not be longer than the permitted timeframe of the talk: 10 or 20 minutes. Presenters of digital contributions are highly encouraged to attend their own presentations via Zoom, and to answer questions either through the chat or orally, if possible.

As far as equipment allows, the keynotes and panel sessions will be **streamed online via Zoom**. We will send out the links to registered participants shortly before the conference.

6. CONFERENCE DINNER

The conference dinner is to be held on **Tuesday, 12th September at 19:00** in the **Basel Markthalle**, where we have reserved seating. The Markthalle is a food-court style venue with a great variety of cuisines. Each conference attendee will be given a voucher that covers a meal and a non-alcoholic drink at most stalls, and each may purchase additional drinks at their own expense. Joining the conference dinner is free for participants but must be specifically registered for in advance via our conference registration form.

Participants with specific dietary concerns can inform themselves about the Markthalle's selection of foods on <https://www.altemarkthalle.ch>.



7. EXCURSION ACTIVITIES

After the closing of the conference, on **Thursday 14th September**, conference participants can choose to join one of two full-day activities.

Option 1: Augusta Raurica

The first option is a visit to **Augusta Raurica**, one of the **best-preserved ancient Roman towns north of the Alps**. Visitors to this location will receive a guided tour around the area's preserved remains, information on the current archaeological research being undertaken at the open site and in the museum, in addition to a visit to the collection of on-site finds. For these special tours at the site, our guides will be the experts who have excavated and published material from the site for several years. The fee of this activity is **20 EUR or CHF 20** or (transport and tour fee included), payable **during registration**.

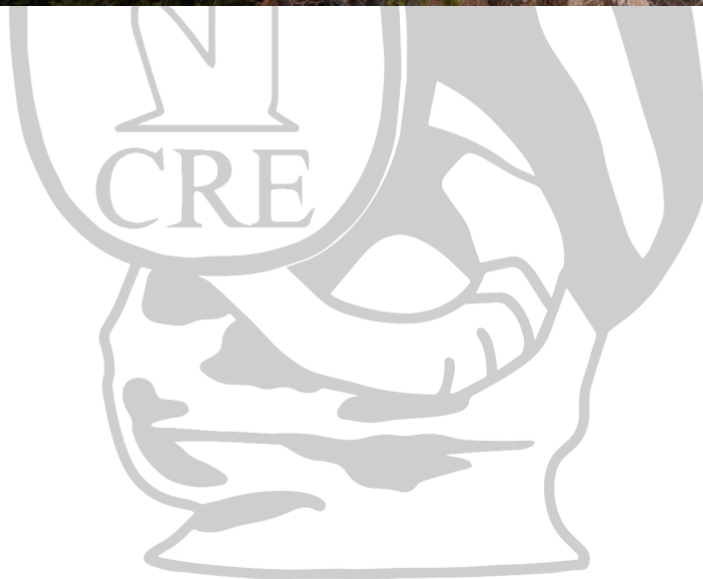
Participants should arrive at the **Basel SBB Train Station at 09:00**. The group will travel to the Kaiseraugst by train, followed by a 15-minute walk to the site.



Option 2: Belchenflue

The second optional activity is a **hike up the Belchenflue** in the nearby Basel-Landschaft. The hike starts at Läfelfingen and participants can climb up the Belchen according to personal speed preferences. The hike lasts for **about four hours**, plus desired break time. We will finish the hike at Waldenburg where a train is available for return to Basel. Even though the Belchenflue is considered an accessible hike, it is still a hike up a mountain, and not a walk in the park – appropriate footwear and clothing is strongly recommended. A regional transport day-ticket will be purchased for every participant to allow more flexibility. As such, each participant of this hike is required to pay **20 EUR or CHF 20** (train fare included) **during registration**.

Participants of this hike should arrive at the **Basel SBB Train Station at 09:00**. The group will travel to Läfelfingen by train.



Others: Museum Access

For the duration of the conference, participants will also have **free access** to the [Antikenmuseum Basel und Sammlung Ludwig](#) simply by showing their conference badge. The Antikenmuseum houses a large collection of ancient Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Cypriot, and Near Eastern artifacts. It is located at St. Alban-Graben 5.



8. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

The deadline for on-site participation has passed, but registration for online attendance is still available via [Google Form](#). Registered participants who need to cancel their in-person participation should inform the Organising Committee as soon as possible for organisational reasons.

The **registration fee** for in-person participation in the conference is **30 EUR or CHF 30**. This fee includes **access to all keynote lectures and conference sessions, the welcome reception / drinks, the conference dinner, and a conference kit**. Online participation in the conference is free, but will only provide access to the video streams of keynote lectures and conference sessions.

Registration must be completed **online through our Google form, with payment completed on-site in Basel**. We will accept payments in either Euros or Swiss Francs, but participants are required to prepare **exact change** during registration. Change, if available, will only be provided in Swiss Francs at an exchange rate of CHF 1 to 1 EUR.

Participants who are exempt from registration fees (members of institutions providing direct financial support to the CRE) are asked to register through our Google form and bring proof of their membership in a relevant funding institution to show at the registration desk in September.

9. VISA

Participants from outside of Schengen-affiliated countries are encouraged to check the entry requirements of their home-countries as early as possible, and to contact the Swiss embassies or consulates in good time if visas are necessary. Should you require any form of documentation or letters from the CRE Basel Organising Committee, we are happy to provide these.

Egyptian nationals should be informed that we have been in contact with the Swiss Embassy in Cairo. They have been made aware of the specifics of our conference in advance. Please be sure to mention this fact in any relevant meeting or application.

10. TRAVELLING TO BASEL

Basel is centrally placed in Europe, and is well connected via buses, trains, and airplanes. The Basel Tourism office has set up a detailed guide on travel options and distances, which is available [online](#).

Arrival by Flight

The **EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg** is the closest airport to Basel, with multiple budget airlines available. When exiting the airport, please make sure to exit on the Swiss side, as the airport also exits into France. A **bus (line 50)** is available from the airport to Basel central station (SBB) every 10 minutes, and the travel time is approximately 20 minutes. **Travellers staying in a Basel location can use their booking order as a free ticket into Basel with the bus.**

For connections not available via the EuroAirport, **Zürich Airport** is the second closest alternative, with regular train connections to Basel throughout the day. The travel time from Zürich Airport to Basel varies, but the connection generally takes from an hour and 10 minutes to an hour and 30 minutes.

Arrival by Train

Basel has **three primary train stations: Basel SBB, Basel SNCF, and Basel Badischer Bahnhof**. Please note that Basel SBB and Basel SNCF are both located in the same building in the centre of Basel: Basel SBB is considered the Swiss train station, and the SNCF is considered French, but both stations offer international connections. Basel Badischer Bahnhof is the German train station, located on the other side of the Rhine in the area known as Kleinbasel.

All three train stations are easily reachable from connections abroad, and are well connected to Basel itself via tram, bus, or foot. However, travellers who own special railway savings cards for France and/or Germany might want to consider which station would provide them with the best deal.

Arrival by Bus

Basel is reachable through several international budget buses, including Flixbus, Infobus, and Sindbad. The arrival point for most of these buses is at **Basel SBB, next to the train tracks on the ground-level of the station**. The point is located on the same side of the station as the Mediamarkt shop inside the train station, on the Meret Oppenheim Strasse.

Arrival by Car

Basel is an old city, and driving through the town can be somewhat complicated. There are many one-way streets, and the trams also use these roads. While a GPS or Google Maps should easily be able to handle this, we recommend entering Basel via the main access route closest to your destination, rather than driving through the city centre.

Be advised that a vignette (road toll sticker) is required to travel on Swiss motorways. If you do not have one, it can be purchased at the customs office.

For parking houses not connected to specific hotels, we advise you to consult the [Basel Tourism website](#).

Travelling in Basel

The conference venues are all centrally located in Basel, and are easily reachable on foot if you stay in the city centre. Basel has a reliable and well-connected public transport network in the form of trams and buses. Visitors staying in a hotel, hostel, or Airbnb in Basel should all receive a [BaselCard](#). This card gives you **free use of public transport within Basel**, including the bus to the EuroAirport. While the BaselCard makes tickets unnecessary, we still recommend installing the “SBB Mobile” app for checking times and connections for all forms of Swiss public transport. Bear in mind that the app requires an internet connection.

11. LOCATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

Main Event Location: **Kollegienhaus** at Petersgraben 50, 4051 Basel.

Registration: **Rosshof** at Petersgraben 51, 4051 Basel.

Opening Ceremony: **Alte Aula of the Naturhistorisches Museum Basel** at Augustinergasse 2, 4051 Basel.

Reception: **Rheinsprung Terrace** at the Alte Universität (eikones – Zentrum für die Theorie und Geschichte des Bildes) at Rheinsprung 9/11, 4051 Basel.

Conference Dinner: **Markthalle** at Viaduktstrasse 10, 4051 Basel.

When going to the Kollegienhaus, the closest tram and bus stops are:

Universität: Reachable by tram 3 or buses 30 and 34.

Spalentor: Reachable by tram 3 or buses 30 and 33.

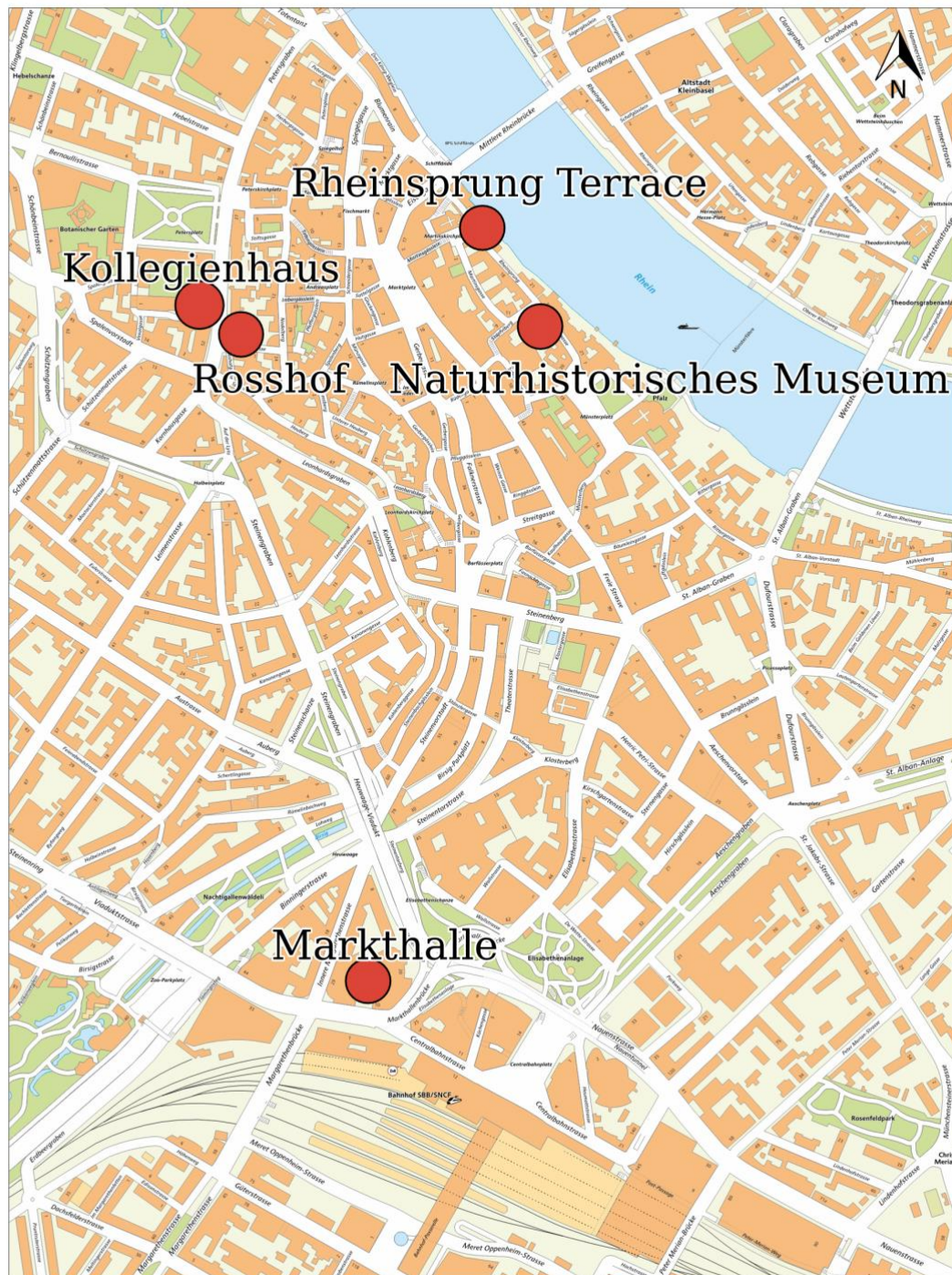
When going to the Alte Universität and Naturhistorisches Museum, the closest tram and bus stop is:

Schifflande: Reachable by trams 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 N6, and N14, and buses 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 603, 604, and N22.

When going to the Markthalle, the closest tram and bus stops are:

Markthalle: Reachable by trams 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 17, E11, and bus N27.

Basel SBB: Reachable by trams 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, E11, N11, and bus 30.



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Map of central Basel with the conference venues marked.

12. ACCOMMODATION

Basel has a plenitude of hotels, hostels, AirBnBs and other accommodation opportunities available. All these forms of accommodation include the [BaselCard](#), which gives access to multiple different conveniences in the city, including free use of public transport, and reduced prices to most museums.

For some hotels and hostels, we have secured special deals available to conference attendees:

Basel Backpack; Dornacherstrasse 192; Private rooms at c. CHF 80, beds in a shared 8-person room at c. CHF 35; for a 10% discount, make your booking through the Basel Backpack website directly and send an e-mail to info@baselbackpack.com, informing them of your booking and that you are a participant in the Current Research in Egyptology conference. For beds in shared rooms, guests can make requests to stay with specific people, or to be put in the same room as other conference attendees.

Youth Hostel; Maja Sacher-Platz 10; bed in 2-person room at CHF 57, bed in 4-person room at CHF 48; to access these prices, book your bed via e-mail (basel@youthhostel.ch) or telephone (+41 61 272 05 72) using the reference code “115498 Eikones” before the 1st of August.

Capsule Hotel by Hyve, Gempentrasse 60, 4053 Basel, Switzerland; Various room options come at different prices. Participants of the conference can book a room via e-mail (info@hyve.ch) and mention that you are taking part in the Current Research in Egyptology conference – this will give you access to group booking discounts.

Of course, there are plenty of other available offers in Basel. Some locations that might be worth considering are:

SILO Design and Culture Hostel; Signalstrasse 37, 4058 Basel, Switzerland.

Ibis Budget City Basel; Grosspeterstrasse 12, 4052 Basel, Switzerland.

Easy Hotel Basel City, Riehenring 109, 4058 Basel, Switzerland.

Additionally, some hotels **across the border in France and Germany** offer reduced prices compared to hotels in Basel. They can be reached via bus or tram in about 30 minutes. In case you intend to visit multiple museums and/or use public transport, bear in mind that hotels in France and Germany do not give their guests access to the BaselCard. Some hotels offering slightly cheaper prices than what is generally available in Basel are:

Hotel F1 Mulhouse, Bâle Aéroport; 3 All. Des Pins, 68300 Saint-Louis, France.

Hotel Porte de France; 94 Av. de Bâle, 68300 Saint-Louis, France.

Hotel Dreiländerbrücke; Hauptstraße 435, 79576 Weil am Rhein, Germany.

Hotel Maximilian; Hauptstraße 435, 79576 Weil am Rhein, Germany.

B6B Hotel Weil am Rhein/Basel; Zollstraße 14, 79576 Weil am Rhein, Germany.

Carathotel Basel Weil am Rhein; Alte Str. 58, 79576 Weil am Rhein, Germany.

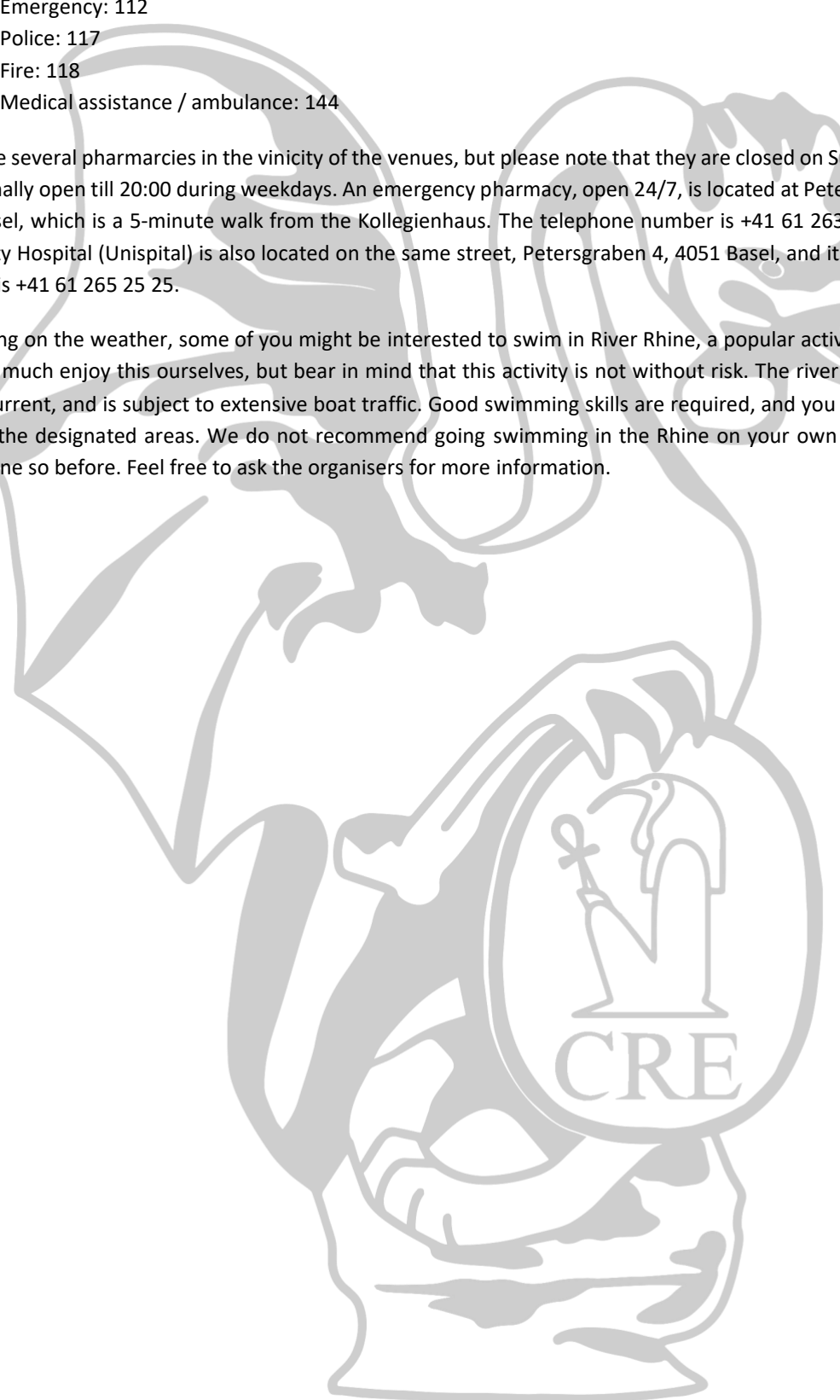
13. USEFUL INFORMATION

Here are some useful telephone numbers to keep in mind should you encounter any emergencies:

- Emergency: 112
- Police: 117
- Fire: 118
- Medical assistance / ambulance: 144

There are several pharmacies in the vicinity of the venues, but please note that they are closed on Sundays, and are normally open till 20:00 during weekdays. An emergency pharmacy, open 24/7, is located at Petersgraben 3, 4051 Basel, which is a 5-minute walk from the Kollegienhaus. The telephone number is +41 61 263 75 75. The University Hospital (Unispital) is also located on the same street, Petersgraben 4, 4051 Basel, and its telephone number is +41 61 265 25 25.

Depending on the weather, some of you might be interested to swim in River Rhine, a popular activity in Basel. We very much enjoy this ourselves, but bear in mind that this activity is not without risk. The river often has a strong current, and is subject to extensive boat traffic. Good swimming skills are required, and you should only swim in the designated areas. We do not recommend going swimming in the Rhine on your own if you have never done so before. Feel free to ask the organisers for more information.





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<https://www.facebook.com/CREgyptology>

<https://www.instagram.com/cregyptology/>

<https://twitter.com/CREgyptology>