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Dear Colleagues,

Now that the reviews of all abstracts are completed, and responses have been sent to the presenters, the next *Current Research in Egyptology* is truly starting to take shape. It is therefore our great pleasure to cordially invite all early career Egyptologists from across the globe to attend the next CRE in Basel, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023. For your planning needs, we are happy to present you with this first circular of the conference, with more to follow.

We look forward to seeing you here in Basel!

The Basel CRE 2023 Organising Committee



## 1. Congress Venues

Registration on the 10<sup>th</sup> of 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**.

## 2. Preliminary Programme

	Sunday 10.09.2023	Monday 11.09.2023	Tuesday 12.09.2023	Wednesday 13.09.2023	Thursday 14.09.2023
08:00-08:30		Registration			
08:30-09:00					
09:00-09:30		Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	Excursion
09:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30					
10:30-11:00					
11:00-11:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00		Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	
12:00-12:30					
12:30-13:00					
13:00-13:30	Registration	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:00					
14:00-14:30					
14:30-15:00		Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	Keynote 3	
15:00-15:30			Short formats		
15:30-16:00				Coffee Break	
16:00-16:30	Opening Ceremony	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Closing	
16:30-17:00	Keynote 1	Keynote 2	with poster Sessions		
17:00-17:30				CRE General Meeting	
17:30-18:00	Free Time / Transfer		Free Time		
18:30-19:00					
19:00-19:30	Welcome				
19:30-20:00	Reception/Drinks				
20:00-22:30			Conference Dinner		



### 3. The Conference App and Wi-Fi in Basel:

For the organisation of our conference, we will be using an **app 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. Instructions for downloading the app will be included in the next circular.

**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”.

### 4. 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 100-minute sessions on Tuesday afternoon. The sessions will feature four consecutive talks, followed by a **break of 20 minutes**, after which four more talks are presented. This session is immediately followed by the **poster session**. 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 x 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). If desired, the organisers can print posters at the University of Basel, or they can be sent by mail to the Department of Egyptology. Details on shipping and printing costs will be covered in our next circular.

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 the **6<sup>th</sup> of 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**. Details on online participation as a non-presenter will be provided in our next circular.

## 5. Conference Dinner:

The conference dinner is to be held on **Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 20:00** in the **Markthalle Basel**, 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>.





## 6. Excursion Activities:

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

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. The cost for the tour of Augusta Raurica is not included in the conference registration fee. Details on costs will be provided in the next circular along with the option to pre-register for the excursions.



The second optional activity is a **hike up the Belchenflue**, and down through the Tüfelsschlucht gorge, in the nearby Basel-Landschaft. We will take a train to Läfelfingen together in the morning and climb up the Belchen according to personal speed preferences. The hike lasts for **about four hours**, plus desired break time. We will exit the Tüfelsschlucht in Hägendorf where a train is available for return to Basel.

While the hiking route is open to everyone, we ask attendants to pre-register for better and easier organisation and coordination. This can be done in person in Basel. Participation is free of charge, but **the costs of the train rides are not covered**. 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.

Note: The BaselCard is unfortunately **not usable** for this train journey, as the destination is outside the city.





Specifics concerning the travel times and costs of the excursions will be updated in the next circular, along with information on how to pre-register for the events.

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.





## 7. Registration and Payment:

Registration for the CRE 2023 is now open for all prospective participants. A link to our registration form has been sent out to all presenters in their acceptance e-mail. Non-presenting attendees may now also register through our [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 **EUR 30 or CHF 30**. This fee includes **access to all keynote lectures and conference sessions, the opening reception (including the apéro), 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.

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.

Pre-registration for the excursions will be opened with our next circular.

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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. **Travelers 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. While Basel SBB is considered the Swiss train station, and the SNCF is considered French, 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.





If participants end up staying out late, we also recommend installing the app “Mobilisk”, which gives access to a ride-sharing company run by the city. These cars run during the periods at night when public transport is sparse or non-existent. Be aware that the BaselCard does not cover Mobilisk rides.

#### **10. Locations for the Conference:**

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

Registration: The Rosshof at Petersgraben 51, 4051 Basel.

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

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

Conference Dinner: The 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:**

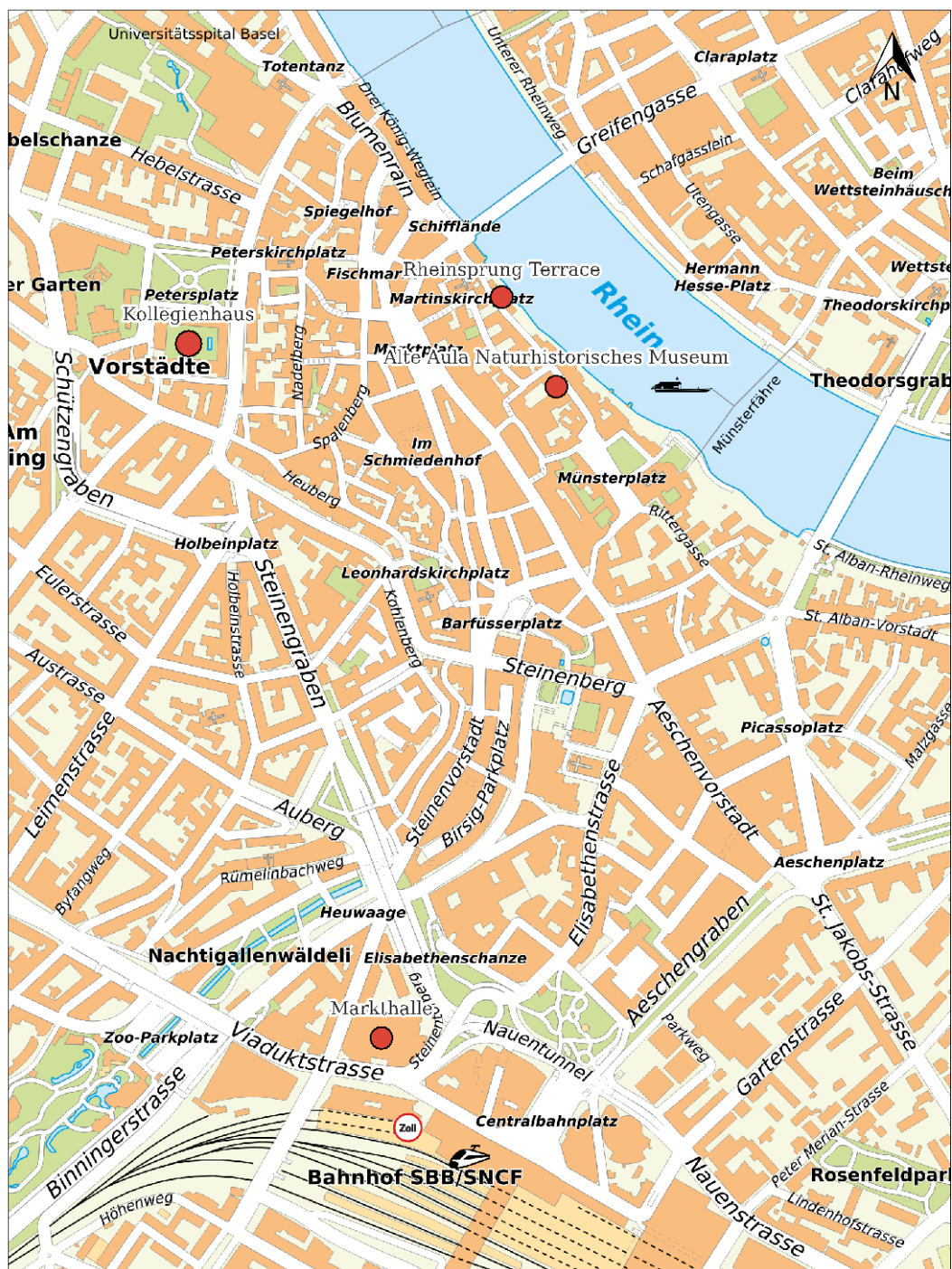
Schifflande: Reachable by trams 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 N6, and N14, and buses 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 603, 604, and N22.

#### **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.



## 11. 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](mailto: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](mailto:basel@youthhostel.ch)) or telephone (+41 61 272 05 72) using the reference code "115498 Eikones" before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

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.

**Capsule Hotel by Hyve,** Gempentrasse 60, 4053, 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.





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