

## Fourth Circular

Zurich and Basel, 23 July 2015

Dear colleagues and friends,

This fourth circular is the last you will receive before the Conference, which is less than three weeks away now! We would like to remind you of the most important points and provide you with some useful practical information. If this circular leaves any questions about the academic or social programme or about travelling to Zurich unanswered, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, you can contact us by email and we will also inform you about the Conference Office phone number on our homepage as soon as it is set up. As was the case with previous circulars, we will only address the most important issues here but refer you to our homepage or provide you with external links wherever possible. The website will be frequently updated during the next three weeks, so please check it regularly for the most up-to-date information.

### Number of Participants and Papers

We are proud to announce that 293 delegates (21 of which are accompanying persons) have registered for the Conference, which will host four plenary lectures, 168 papers and 27 project presentations, five roundtable discussions and one poster session.

### Programme and Abstracts

You can now find the programme on our homepage and you will also receive a printed version of the programme at registration. The final editions of the abstracts are also available on the homepage. If you have pre-ordered a printed version, you can pick this up at registration.

### Travelling to Zurich from the Airport

We would strongly advise you to use public transport as taxis are very expensive in Zurich. There are regular train services from the airport to Zurich Main Station (called Zürich HB). Tram Nr. 10 will also take you from the airport to Zurich Main Station and straight to the University (get off at ETH/Universitätsspital).

An English version of the Zurich public transport website can be found here:  
<https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/vbz/en/index.html>



## Getting to the University

The registration desk is located in the main building of the Universität Zürich, Rämistrasse 71, CH-8006 Zurich. All sessions will take place in this building, too. The building is labelled KOL in the University system and you can find a map on our website.

Travelling by tram, you can get off at ETH/Universitätsspital, Kantonsschule and Neumarkt, depending on which tramline you use. All of these stops are located approximately five minutes walk from the main building. You can find all of this information on the University homepage: [http://www.ds.uzh.ch/\\_docs/191.pdf](http://www.ds.uzh.ch/_docs/191.pdf)

## Registration

The Conference Office will be open for registration between 4 and 8 pm on Sunday 9th August and from 8 am onwards on Monday 10th August. The registration desk is located in room KOL-F-102.

## Facilities

All sessional papers and roundtables will be held in classrooms within the main building (Hauptgebäude, KOL). The standard teaching set-up includes a networked PC (with internet access), projector and screen.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to bring their presentations on a USB memory stick. Those who wish to use their own lap-tops are responsible for bringing their own connection cables. Please also note that the sockets and plugs used in Switzerland are different from those in most other European countries. So please make sure you bring an adapter or purchase one in Switzerland (at the airport, the main station or any electrical shop).

There will be a steward in each room to assist speakers and chairs with AV/IT and other matters and to keep time.

A computer and printing facilities are available at the Conference Office. We will be able to print copies of your handout if you send it to us as an email attachment (pdf) before the conference. Please note that handouts for the sessions in Basel will have to be submitted by Monday 10th August at the very latest, as there are no printing facilities in Basel!

Free internet access will be available during the time of the conference. Delegates will receive a separate email with instructions on how to instal this on their computer.



## Timing

Chairs will keep a strict time limit to make sure there are no delays in the programme. Please note the following time limits:

Plenaries: 35 minutes paper, 10 minutes discussion

Papers: 20 minutes paper, 10 minutes discussion

Project presentation: 10 minutes paper, 20 minutes discussion

Roundtables: 90 minutes in total

## Posters

Delegates are responsible for printing their poster in advance and for bringing it to Switzerland as we cannot provide any poster-printing facilities at the conference. Please bring your poster to the Conference Office on Monday and we will put it up at the poster session for you.

## Basel Day

On Tuesday 11 August, all sessions will be held at the Universität Basel. All delegates will travel to Basel on conference busses and you will find additional information in the conference programme.

## Excursions

Detailed information about each excursion and what to pack for it are now available on the conference homepage. If you have any questions or are unsure what to bring for an excursion, please contact us via the Saga Conference email. The departure times of the busses are also listed on the homepage. Please make sure you are at the assembly point at least 15 minutes before departure, as we will have to distribute the lunchbags for each excursion before departure. Please note that all delegates are responsible for their own insurance during excursions also.

## Insurance

Delegates attending the Saga Conference are strongly advised to ensure they have sufficient insurance in place as they will not be covered by the University of Zurich's insurance.



## International Saga Conferences: The Photographic Record (2015)

To celebrate the success of the International Saga Conference across five decades, a series of photographs will be taken at the 2015 conference of participants who have attended each conference. Starting with those attending the 16th conference (Zürich and Basel, 2015) we will work back through the years to those who were in Aarhus in 2012 and so on: Uppsala, 2009; Durham, 2006; Bonn, 2003; Sydney, 2000; Trondheim, 1997; Akureyri, 1994; Göteborg, 1991; Spoleto, 1988; Helsingør, 1985; Toulon, 1982; Munich, 1979; Oslo, 1976; Reykjavík, 1973 and Edinburgh, 1971. The photographs will be taken after the plenary lecture in Basel on Tuesday and will be made available via the conference website. Judy Quinn und Liselott Sigurdsson will be directing the photosession.

## What to pack

As we are currently experiencing a very hot summer with almost tropical conditions, we would advise delegates to check the weather forecast on [www.srf.ch/meteo](http://www.srf.ch/meteo) before travelling to Switzerland.

## Useful links:

Swiss railway networks:

[www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

Regional public transport to and from the airport:

<http://www.flughafen-zuerich.ch/passagiere-und-besucher/an-und-abfahrt/regionalverkehr>

We wish you all a pleasant journey and are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Zurich and Basel soon!

Best wishes,

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Klaus Müller-Wille

Matthias Hauck

Sarah Künzler

