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## SWBSS 2017 - First announcement

**Forth International Conference on Salt Weathering of Buildings and Stone Sculptures (SWBSS)**

**20 - 22 September 2017      in Potsdam (D) – University of Applied Sciences Potsdam (FHP)**

### **1. General information**

The first International Conference SWBSS was held in Copenhagen (Denmark) in 2008, organised by Lisbeth M. Ottosen. It was followed by SWBSS 2011, organised by Ioannis Ioannou in Limassol (Cyprus) and SWBSS 2014, organised by Hilde De Clercq in Brussels (Belgium) and us.

The German assoziation of scientists “Salze im Kulturgut e.V.” is pleased to announce that the forth conference SWBSS 2017 will be organised by Steffen Laue and colleagues in Potsdam in September 2017, in collaboration with KIK-IRPA (Brussels).

The conference aims to bring together conservators, restorers, engineers, architects, academics, students and experienced researchers and hence contributes to the promotion of research and development within the field of salt weathering of porous materials.

### **2. Main topics**

Salts on valuable monuments and sculptures are still today a major problem in preservation caused mainly by environmental influences. Therefore the conference will focus on:

- Environmental aspects related to salt sources
- Transport phenomena and salt crystallisation
- Measurement techniques
- Desalination techniques
- Conservation issues
- Case studies

### **3. Contributed papers**

Instructions for the submission and preparation of abstracts and contributed papers will be given in the second announcement. The papers will present up-to-date results for scientists and practising conservators and ensure efficient transfer of knowledge in the field.

The official language of the conference will be English.

#### **4. Important dates**

April 2016:	First announcement - Call for abstracts
June 2016:	Second announcement
30 September 2016:	Deadline for submission of abstracts
January 2017:	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
March 2017:	Opening conference registration
June 2017:	Deadline for submission of papers
31 July 2017:	Deadline for early registration
20-22 September 2017:	SWBSS 2017

#### **5. Venue and Other Details**

The conference will be organised on Wednesday 20 till Friday 22 September 2017.

The conference venue will be the University of Applied Sciences in Potsdam, Germany (FHP).

A visit to the UNESCO world heritage site **Palaces and Parks of Potsdam** is planned on Thursday afternoon September 21.

The University of Applied Sciences Potsdam (<http://www.fh-potsdam.de/>) is located around 30 km from Berlin, the International Airports Berlin-Tegel and Berlin-Schönefeld and is easily to attain by public transportation. A wide choice of hotels in Potsdam and Berlin is available.

Low conference fees are planned:

- around 150,-€ for regular participants and
- 60,-€ for students

Further information will follow in the second announcement.

#### **6. Scientific Committee**

The composition of the Scientific Committee will be given in the second announcement.

#### **7. Organising Committee**

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