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## SWBSS 2017 - Second announcement

### Call for abstracts

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

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

[www.swbss2017.de](http://www.swbss2017.de)

#### 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 association of conservation scientists “Salze im Kulturgut e.V.” is pleased to announce that the fourth 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 in monumental built heritage and stone 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. Call for abstracts

You are kindly invited to submit an abstract: Word file, including title, authors, affiliations, bodytext of max. 400 words and max. 5 keywords to [st.laue@fh-potsdam.de](mailto:st.laue@fh-potsdam.de) .

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 October 2016.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a paper presenting up-to-date results for scientists and practising conservators enabling efficient transfer of knowledge in the field.

The official language of the conference will be English.

The proceedings will be published on [www.saltwiki.net](http://www.saltwiki.net) with ISBN as Open Access Files.

Printed versions (Print on Demand) can also be purchased but no printed copy is included in the conference fee.

#### 4. Scientific Committee

Hilde De Clercq, Rosa Espinosa, Robert Flatt, Teresa Diaz Gonçalves, Andrea Hamilton, Ioannis Ioannou, Steffen Laue, Barbara Lubelli, Lisbeth Ottoson, Heiner Siedel, Michael Steiger, Akos Torok, Véronique Vergès-Belmin.

#### 5. Important dates

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

#### 6. Venue

The conference will be organised from 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 can be easily reached by public transport. A wide choice of hotels in Potsdam and Berlin is available.

#### 7. Conference fees:

Early bird registration until 15 July 2017:	120,-€ for regular participants 50,-€ for students (incl. Ph.D.-students)
Late registration	150,-€ for regular participants 60,-€ for students (incl. Ph.D.-students)

#### 8. Organising Committee

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