

IWIC-X

10th international Workshop on Ice Caves (May 12-18, 2024)

IWIC series

The International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC) is held every two years, and previously has been organized in Cluj-Napoca (Romania, 2004), Demanovská Dolina (Slovakia, 2006), Kungur (Russia, 2008), Obertraun (Austria, 2010), Grigna-Milan (Italy, 2012), Idaho Falls (USA, 2014), Postojna (Slovenia, 2016), Picos de Europa (Spain, 2018), and Liptovský Mikuláš (Slovakia, 2022).

Venue

The 10th International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC-X) will be held in Werfenweng, Austria. The venue will be [Barbarahof](#) in the charming village of Werfenweng, located some 40 km south of the city of Salzburg.

Werfenweng can be reached by public transportation (train to Werfen or Bischofshofen and then bus), by car, or by plane to Salzburg or Munich (then train and bus). Details will be provided in the second circular.

Accommodation

We reserved the entire guesthouse [Barbarahof](#) (owned by a former show cave guide of Eisriesenwelt and his wife) for IWIC-X. There is a limited number of rooms available at these special prices (per night, per person):

Single room € 115

Double room € 100

These prices are full board, i.e., they include breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We recommend to book early (info@barbarahof.com) quoting "IWIC-X" and to take advantage of the full board offer. There are other guesthouses and restaurants in this village but they are some distance from Barbarahof. You can find more information about Werfenweng on the [website of the tourist office](#).

Camping is available at no charge (parking lot of the cable car, behind the guesthouse).

Schedule

Sun May 12	Arrival and ice breaker
Mon May 13	Sessions (oral and poster)
Tue May 14	Field trip to Eisriesenwelt Cave, tour of the Castle Werfen & conference dinner
Wed May 15	Sessions (oral and poster)
Thu May 16	Special session on cryogenic cave carbonates
Fri May 17	Field trip to Dachstein Rieseneishöhle
Sat May 18	Departure

Field trips

Mid-conference field trip to [Eisriesenwelt](#), widely regarded as the largest ice cave in the world.

Post-conference field trip to [Dachstein-Rieseneishöhle](#), a jewel of the Salzkammergut region.

Conference dinner

Castle Werfen ([dinner](#) and guided tour of the [castle](#), following the visit to Eisriesenwelt).

Guest speakers

Pascal Bohleber (Univ. of Venice): Ice-core research on high-Alpine glaciers

Birgit Sattler (Univ. of Innsbruck): (Ice) caves as microbial hot spots

Special session on CCC

A dedicated full-day session will focus on cryogenic cave carbonates (CCC). We plan to have a lively session that focuses on specific topics. We welcome contributions focusing on these topics: settings of CCC formation, dating of CCC, experiments on CCC growth, proxy studies on CCC, and case studies.

Orals and posters

Oral presentations will be approximately 15 min followed by discussion. Posters boards are 100 cm high and 60 cm wide.

Abstract

1 page, please use the submission template available on the conference [website](#).

Only abstracts accompanied by paid registration will be considered.

Registration fees

	Deadline	Student rate	Full rate
Early bird	31 st December, 2023	€ 70	€ 130
Regular	29 th February, 2024	€ 120	€ 200

The registration fees cover the costs for the ice breaker, coffee breaks during the sessions, bus transfer and entrance to Eisriesenwelt, bus transfer to the conference dinner, the conference dinner and the evening tour of the castle.

Not included are the costs for accommodation (see above) and the optional Friday field trip to Dachstein Rieseneishöhle (giant ice cave). The price for this post-conference field trip is 70 € and includes transportation by bus, cable car, and entrance to this ice cave.

Registration is only valid when payment has been received.

How to Register in Three Steps

I) Please send an email to the conference address (IWIC10conference@uibk.ac.at) including 1) your name, 2) your affiliation, 3) which field trip(s) you intend to participate in (Tuesday, Eisriesenwelt; Friday, Dachstein), and 4) any dietary restrictions.

II) Book your accommodation directly with guesthouse [Barbarahof](#).

III) Arrange payment of your registration fee by wire transfer.

Bank details:

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Visas

Information about visas is provided on the conference website.

Travel grants

There is a limited number of grants available to cover travel and/or accommodation costs. Preference is given to students and early career researchers. In order to apply, send an informal application to the organizers by February 1. Submission of an abstract is required. All applicants will be informed about the decision in February.

Deadlines

Dec 31	Early-bird registration
Feb 1	Travel grant applications
Feb 29	Abstract submission and late registration

Conference website

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/congress/iwic-x/>

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