



3rd Announcement

79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society

The program of the 79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society, which will take place from 7 to 12 August 2016 in Berlin, Germany, is now available.

The early bird registration deadline is 30 June 2016!

For comprehensive information on all aspects of the conference, please see the MetSoc2016 website:

<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/> that is being updated regularly, or
<http://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/metsoc2016/>.

The scientific program of the conference and the pre-conference workshop can be downloaded at:

<http://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/metsoc2016/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Open Now: Accept conference registration <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/registration/>
Open Now: Accept excursion registrations (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/excursions/>)

We strongly recommend to register for excursions before 30 June to ensure that your preferred excursion will take place!

Open Now: Registration for Wednesday afternoon tours
(<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/social-events/>)

Open Now: Registration for the 2-day workshop

Open Now: Hotel reservation <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/hotels-in-berlin/>

Open Now: Scientific program + pre-conference Workshop program

June 30: Deadline for excursion booking

June 30: Early Bird Registration deadline

July 31: Late Registration deadline

August 7-12: MetSoc Annual Meeting

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND WELCOME FUNCTION

The Conference Registration Desk will open at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 7 August 2016, in the Thaesaal Building of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin on Invalidenstrasse 42, Berlin-Mitte – directly adjacent to the Museum für Naturkunde. To access the location either take the U6 underground line to station “Naturkundemuseum” or come along Invalidenstrasse from the Berlin central railway station (Hauptbahnhof), an easy 10 min walk or short tram ride. Registration at Thaesaal will be possible until 7 p.m. The desk will re-open at the conference venue Henry-Ford-Bau on Monday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Please note that **speakers of oral presentations scheduled for Monday, 8 August 2016, A.M.** must hand in their presentations at Thaesaal on Sunday afternoon. A Speaker-Ready facility will be provided just off the registration area in the inner courtyard.

Those who have registered will have free entry to the Museum für Naturkunde to enjoy the permanent exhibitions as well as preview a special exhibition about the successful Rosetta Mission and Comets, that is jointly arranged by the Deutsche Luft- und Raumfahrtzentrum (DLR) and the Museum für Naturkunde (the official opening will take place on the evening of 8 August 2016). From 6 p.m. the Museum will host the **Welcome Function of MetSoc 2016**, with ample drink and food being provided.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM, SPECIAL SESSIONS, AND WORKSHOP

The scientific program contains three parallel oral sessions from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Oral presentation slots are 15 min.

Thirty minute coffee breaks will be at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The lunch break is from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Poster sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All posters are on display throughout the conference. The Awards Ceremony and Medal Winner Talks are on Wednesday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Audimax. The MetSoc Business Meeting is on Thursday at 12:15-1:00 p.m. in Room C.

The program contains five special sessions (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/scientific-content/>)

1. *Presolar grains - A session in honor of Ernst Zinner*, convened by Peter Hoppe and Larry Nittler
2. *From meteorites to planets – A session in honor of Heinrich Wänke*, convened by Herbert Palme, Katharina Lodders, and Klaus Keil
3. *Small meteorite impacts - From atmospheric entry to environmental effects*, convened by Witold Szczucinski, Anna Losiak and Jürgen Oberst.
4. *Surface and interior dynamics of meteorite parent bodies*, convened by Wladimir Neumann, Stephanie Werner, Doris Breuer
5. *Planetary evolution: Advances in meteoritical and lunar isotopic analyses*, convened by Fienke Nanne, Mario Fischer-Gödde, Amy Riches, and Helen Williams

The conference program also contains a scientific workshop preceding the conference. Please note that the two originally planned workshops will be combined and held as a joint, 2-day workshop entitled “Shock Metamorphism and High Pressure Phases in Meteorites and Terrestrial Impactites”: <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/workshops/>)

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Oral presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes in total - including presentation, discussion, and transition. Session chairs will be instructed to give warnings at 8 minutes and 10 minutes, and to cut off presentation or discussion if necessary to allow for a timely transition to the subsequent talk. Presentations must be handed in at least 3 hours prior to the lecture at the Speaker-Ready-Room. Monday morning session presentations must be uploaded on Sunday at the registration desk. We except the following presentation formats: MS Power-Point, Mac Keynote, or PDF.

Poster authors are required to be available for questions and further information at their poster board during the respective poster session (Tuesday or Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.). The entire poster can have a maximum size of 150 cm high x 95 cm wide (portrait style; 59 x 37 inch). The poster does not necessarily have to fill the entire working area. Material for attaching the posters to the poster boards will be available within the poster session area.

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to upload an electronic file of your poster (e-poster). Our interactive e-poster system will provide additional exposure by allowing your fellow attendees, as well as others, the ability to view your poster online. The e-poster site upload option will be available on July 25, and more details will be sent by e-mail after that date.

Further details will be provided by 30 June: <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/general-information/>

BARRINGER INVITATIONAL LECTURE

The annual Barringer Invitational Lecture, comprehensively sponsored by The Barringer Crater Company, will be given by Prof. Mark McCaughrean (Senior Science Advisor in the Directorate of Science at the European Space Agency) in the Auidmax on Monday 8 June, 7 p.m. The topic of the public lecture will be: "*Rosetta: To Catch a Comet!*" For further details see <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/scientific-content/>.

SPECIAL LECTURE FROM A RELATED DISCIPLINE

In 2015 the Council of The Meteoritical Society approved the possibility for the organizers of an Annual Meeting to invite a special invited lecture on a topic from a related science discipline. The guest speaker will receive significant sponsorship from The Meteoritical Society. This offer will be taken up for the first time at the 2016 Berlin meeting, where Dr. Maria Lugaro, Konkoly Observatory, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, will present this special lecture on "Stellar grains in the laboratory: Messengers from the Sky" within the Special Session on "Presolar Grains – A Session in the Honor of Ernst Zinner" (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/scientific-content/>) in Room C on Monday 8 June, 9:15 a.m.

EXCURSIONS

Two pre-conference and three post-conference excursions are offered.

We strongly recommend to register for excursions before 30 June to ensure that your preferred excursion will take place!!

- Nördlinger Ries and Steinheim craters, Germany (5 days, 2.-6.8.2016)
- Classical Sites of Geology and Historical Mining near Freiberg, Germany (3 days, 4.-6.8.2016)
- Ritland and Gardnos craters, Norway (7 days, 13.-19.8.2016)
- Morasko Crater Field, Poland (3 days, 13.-15.8.2016)
- Rammelsberg World Heritage Mining Site, Germany (3 days, 13.-15.8.2016)

Except for the Norway excursion all trips start and end at Berlin (travel by bus). A limited number of single and double rooms have been pre-booked. Excursions and the choice of single or double rooms will be booked on a first come, first serve basis, and full payment in advance is required. Note that early registration for excursions is vital to ensure that your preferred excursion will take place! Please check details at <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/excursions/> and book the excursion of your choice as soon as

possible.

REGISTRATION

Before going to the Registration Site (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/registration/>) please read the following information and consult the MetSoc2016 website.

	MetSoc Members	MetSoc Non-Members*	Student Members	Student Non-Members*	Guests
Early online registration (by June 30)	€ 450	€500	€275	€325	€300
Late online registration (by July 31)	€525	€575	€350	€400	€375
On-site only registration (after July 31)	€575	€625	€400	€450	€425

The *Registration Fee* includes for participants and guests (accompanying persons): Conference participation and conference materials, coffee breaks, welcome party, poster session, a Wednesday afternoon activity (tour), and the Wednesday evening banquet dinner.

The Late Registration deadline is July 31, 2016. On-site registration is possible thereafter, but we will accept only cash in EURO or credit card payments on-site.

SPONSORS (as confirmed by April 7, 2016)

We are delighted to inform that all these listed organizations/companies have chosen to support the 79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society in Berlin:

Barringer Crater Company
Bruker Nano GmbH
CAMECA GmbH
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Elsevier Publishing Company
Freie Universität Berlin
Geo.X - Geoscience Alliance for the Berlin-Potsdam area
Humboldt Universität Berlin
International Meteorite Collectors Association (IMCA)
JEOL (Germany) GmbH
Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI-USRA)
Meteoritical Society Endowment Fund
Meteorite Times Magazine
Museum für Naturkunde Berlin
NASA - Planetary Sciences Division
Planetary Studies Foundation (PSF)
SFB - TRR170 - Late accretion onto terrestrial planets
Thermo Fisher Scientific

LUNCHES:

Lunches are not included in the registration fee, with the exception of the Wednesday tour day. The Henry Ford Building is located in a residential area with few restaurants. Within a 10-minute walking distance you will find the University Cafeteria that offers a lunch buffet from € 5-10 per person. The opening hours are: 11a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For your convenience, the organizers will offer a special lunch package arrangement, which you can pre-book during online registration. The ordered lunch packages will be available during the lunch break in the foyer of the Henry Ford Building. We strongly recommend you register for the lunch packages prior to the congress during online registration, because only a limited number of additional lunch packages can be ordered late on-site.

CONFERENCE BANQUET:

The conference banquet <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/social-events/> will take place at the "Wasserwerk" (former Sewage Works of Berlin, <http://www.wasserwerk-berlin.de/>) on Wednesday, 10 August, from 7pm. Please indicate your preferred banquet main course (fish, beef or vegetarian) with online registration or, for those registering on-site on 7 August, during late on-site registration. The online registration form also includes an option "I will not attend the conference banquet" - if you can decide on this in advance, please indicate this. Also please note that a seating chart for the banquet will be available at the registration desk as of the opening of conference registration on 7 August. It is recommended to choose your table partners and table number as early as possible.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:

Participation in **one tour per registered person** is included in the registration fee. Please select only ONE tour from either "City of Contrasts" or "Excursion to Potsdam". Alternatively, you can, of course, explore Berlin individually.

LETTER OF INVITATION:

International participants may need a letter of invitation from the congress organizers in order to obtain a visa for entry into Germany. The organizers will not be able to contact, or intervene with, any German embassy or consulate office abroad on your behalf. This procedure is intended to assist participants who need to obtain a visa or permission to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society and is not an official invitation covering fees and/or any other expenses or financial support from the congress.

In order to apply for an invitation letter, please send your request, stating your name, address, date of birth and passport number, to metsoc2016@mfn-berlin.de. The letters will be sent in pdf format as e-mail attachments. Please contact the relevant embassy or consulate where you would like to apply for a visa, as to whether a standard pdf file of invitation would suffice or whether an original hardcopy letter will be required. If this latter case applies, state so clearly in your request to metsoc2016@mfn-berlin.de.

Please start the visa application process as early as possible and at least six weeks prior to your departure. The organizers are not to be held responsible for the outcome of your visa application.

ACCOMMODATION

Berlin features a wide range of accommodation options, from comparatively inexpensive hostel and backpackers accommodation to 5-star hotels. CPO HANSER SERVICE is the official housing agency for the 79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society. Hotel rooms in different price categories have been reserved in Berlin, either relatively close to the conference venue (20-30 min by public transport + short walk) or in the Western (35 min by public transport + short walk) and Eastern city center (60 min by public transport). In selecting these options, it was considered that participants would like to stay

relatively close to the conference venue or would like to experience the lively cultural side of this fantastic city.

All suggestions have easy access to the public transportation system: the FU Berlin / Henry Ford Building can be comfortably reached from all suggested hotels by public transport, particularly the U- and S-Bahn train network (<http://www.bvg.de/en>). Information about how to get to the congress venue is available as part of each hotel description in the Hotel Portal (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/hotels-in-berlin/>). Further information regarding public transport will be provided as part of the Final Announcement.

Book your hotel now at <https://www.cohotel-online.com/SearchCriteria> to ensure that your desired hotel is still available.

SPOUSES PROGRAM

During the 79th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society, the officially appointed local partner CPO HANSER SERVICE will offer various tours in and around Berlin (<http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/tours/>):

- City Sightseeing of Berlin: Montag (09:00 - 12:00 Uhr)
- Dresden ohne Lunch: Dienstag (08:00 - 18:00 Uhr)
- Spree Canals: Donnerstag (09:00 - 12:00 Uhr)
- Jewish Berlin: Freitag (09:00 - 13:00 Uhr)

All tours are accompanied by English-speaking guides and will start and end at the conference venue Henry Ford Building. Tour booking is available at <http://www.metsoc-berlin.de/tours/>.

The Meteoritical Society and the Local Organizing Committee for MetSoc Berlin 2016 are looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin!