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**Second Announcement**

18 February 2022

**Meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.  
Hotel 'Mercure Lugo Centro', Lugo, Galicia, Spain  
03–07 July 2022**

**Dear colleagues,**

we have much pleasure in inviting you to attend the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, to be held from **03-07 July 2022** in the brand-new **Hotel 'Mercure Lugo Centro', Lugo, Galicia, Spain** (opened November 2021); address: Rúa Marina Española 29, 27002 Lugo; website: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/B344/index.es.shtml>. The venue offers accommodation, meals, and conference facilities all under the same one roof and is situated within walking distance to the historical city center of Lugo.

The Spanish autonomous community of Galicia ('Galiza' in native language) has a >100-year history of hop growing, with a peak in production from 1950 to 1970; in 2004, hop growing was revitalized again in the region. Lugo (population 100,000) is the only city in the World to be surrounded by completely intact 3rd century Roman walls, which are protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

**Preliminary programme outline:**

- Sunday, 03 July 2022
  - Arrival of delegates
  - **16:00–20:00 h** Registration
  - **18:00–20:00 h** Ice-breaker
  - **20:00 h** Welcome dinner in Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro
- Monday, 04 July 2022
  - **08:00–09:00 h** Registration
  - **09:00–16:30 h** Opening ceremony and scientific programme
  - **16:30–17:00 h** Administrative meeting of the STC, I.H.G.C.
  - **17:30 h** Guided tour to the historic city centre of Lugo, incl. short walk on the Camino Primitivo, followed by degustation of typical 'tapas' in local bars

- Tuesday, 05 July 2022
  - **09:00–12:30 h** Scientific programme
  - **14:00 h** Excursion by coach to Mabegondo and A Coruña; field excursion to Galizan hop growing; short walk on the Camino de Santiago (Camiño Norte); visit of the Museo Estrella Galicia (MEGA; <https://mundoestrellagalicia.es>); beer tasting and dinner in MEGA
  - **ca 23:00 h** Return to Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro
- Wednesday, 06 July 2022
  - **09:00–16:30 h** Scientific programme
  - **16:30–18:00 h** Poster session with local beers
  - **20:00 h** Official congress dinner in Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro
- Thursday, 07 July 2022
  - Breakfast
  - Departure of delegates

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Registration fee</b>	<u>Before or on</u> 30 April 2022	<u>After</u> 30 April 2022
Delegate or accompanying person	<b>350 €</b>	<b>500 €</b>

Please note that the registration fee is a package price including practically all costs (except accommodation) of the event and can't be divided into single items.

The STC is responsible for payment in full of the entire event on one invoice. We therefore expect timely payment of the calculated registration fee before 30 April 2022!

### The registration fee for delegates or the accompanying person includes

- attendance at the meeting and all events from Sunday evening to Thursday morning
- conference proceedings and other conference material
- all other conference costs
- the full mid-conference excursion (coach ride; admission to Museo Estrella Galicia, with beer tasting and typical Galizan dinner)
- all meals (lunches and coffee breaks, with an appropriate choice of drinks, and table water) during the conference
- a choice of four *tapas* and drinks in local 'bares' during the Lugo city centre tour
- the welcome dinner and the official conference dinner, with table wine and table water
- but **NOT** your hotel accommodation, which has to be booked and balanced by each attendee separately (see below)
- and **NOT** your travel costs for getting there.

## **PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Please transfer your registration fee to the bank account of the Scientific-Technical Commission. Note that there is a significantly higher fee for late registration after 30 April 2022, which is unfortunately necessary to warrant timely payment by participants!

The STC has already signed an advance payment of the entire event on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022!

Account Name:	Dr. Florian Weihrauch
Credit institute	Deutsche Kreditbank AG
IBAN:	DE52 1203 0000 1057 9742 20
BIC/SWIFT code:	BYLADEM1001
Reference:	<b>STC2022 + name of participant</b>

**Note:** Please make sure that your remittance to the bank account is **free of bank charges to the receiver**. Any bank fees incurred will be charged to the participant.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

We have reserved a lot of 50 rooms in Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro for the conference at a special price. Hotel accommodation (incl. breakfast) in a modern single room is € 85.00 per night; a double room used by two persons is charged with € 92.75. For other options, like a family suite, please contact the Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro directly.

The booking and payment of your accommodation should be made by each attendee directly. Contact e-mail address for booking your accommodation is

**hb344-gm@accor.com**

with the reference **STC-Galiza-2022**

## **CANCELLING YOUR REGISTRATION AND REFUNDING OF FEES**

Following the decisions made at the administrative meeting in 2001, 50 % of the total amount of the fee is not refunded if the registration is cancelled by a participant after 15 June 2022. Cancelling three days before the meeting means no refund of the total amount.

**Registration deadline: 30 April 2022**

**Free cancellation of registration (at no expense): until 15 June 2022**

**Cancellation fee as of 15 June 2022: 50 % of expenses**

**Cancellation as of 1 July 2022: no refund**

## **HOW TO GET THERE**

**By plane:** The **International Airport Madrid-Barajas (MAD)** is one of the busiest airports in Europe and served from 194 destinations world-wide. The airport is connected with the city centre and with the Madrid-Chamartín Station via local trains (line C-1), calling at Terminal 4. If you plan to rent a car in Barajas, Lugo can be reached by leaving the city to the north-west on highway A-6 (ca 500 km, 4.5 h net driving time).

Other recommended airports to go to Lugo are the **Airport of Santiago de Compostela (SCQ)**, which can be reached via Madrid or Barcelona, and directly, e.g., from Frankfurt, Geneva, or Zurich. It is situated ca 80 km to the west of Lugo via the national road A 547.

The **Airport of A Coruña (LCG)** is situated ca 80 km to the north of Lugo via highway A-6; it is served from Madrid and Barcelona by Iberia and a few smaller companies.

**By train:** From **Madrid-Chamartín Station**, Lugo is reached, e.g., directly by Alvia or Ave speed trains (1 train per day, 431 km, ca 4:40 h train ride).

Another option is to go from **Madrid-Chamartín** to **Ourense Empalme Station** by speed trains (Alvia or Ave, ca 2:30 h train ride), and then to rent a car or take a bus to Lugo (ca 100 km).

Lugo Station ('Estación de Lugo') is situated ca 800 m from Hotel Mercure Lugo Centro. We are considering to offer an hourly pick-up service from Lugo Station on Sunday (3 July) late afternoon.

**By car:** Please check a map service like Google Maps.

For details and indication of your arrival please see the registration form.

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND POSTERS**

At the meeting please present your paper or poster in English. Papers should be 15-20 minutes in length (**including** discussion), depending on the number of submissions. A beamer for Power Point presentations will be available. For posters we are providing the equipment necessary to fix the posters to a pinboard.

For each presentation or poster a manuscript version (presentation max. 4 pages - poster 1 page) for the conference proceedings is mandatory. Detailed information will be provided with the 3<sup>rd</sup> announcement or on the website of the STC, see

<https://www.lfl.bayern.de/ipz/hopfen/024299/index.php>

## **EARLY APPLICATION FOR A VISA IF NECESSARY**

For those persons who need a visa for traveling to Spain we can provide an official letter of invitation upon request. For more information please see

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/>

## **REGISTRATION**

***Please register as soon as possible by returning the registration form***

signed and scanned via e-mail to [Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de](mailto:Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de)

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would appreciate if you could pass on this information to your colleagues or any other person interested in hop research.

We are much looking forward to meeting you in Lugo in the summer of 2022!

For the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.

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