

## Practical information to prepare your venue to PCNE symposium @Basel 20-22 June 2024

The PCNE Symposium will start with one half-day Expert courses on Thursday 20 June 2024 (13:00 to 17:00). The program will provide three plenary lectures alternating with workshops on different themes during one and half days. The Symposium will end on Saturday 22 June 2024 at noon with a lunch bag. The final workshops will be announced on the PCNE website.

### LOCATION

Basel is a small but very cosmopolitan city in the heart of Europe, at the border of three countries. In 2019, Basel was ranked among the ten most liveable cities in the world. The city has an international flair, a spectacular old town with its red sandstone cathedral (1019) and many museums along both banks of the river Rhine. The University of Basel is Switzerland's oldest university (founded 1460) and will host the lectures and workshops.

### WHEATHER

June is a warm summer month in Basel, with temperature in the range of an average high of 25.3°C (77.5°F) and an average low of 14.5°C (58.1°F). It has also the most sunshine of the year, with an average of 7.2h of sunshine. Sun safety practices such as sunscreens and UVA + UVB-blocking sunglasses are recommended.

### VENUE

The workshops will be held at the Biozentrum of the University of Basel, Spitalstrasse 41, 4056 Basel (Switzerland). The main conference room is located U1.131. The following public transportation lines arrive in walking distance to the Biozentrum: **Tram no. 11** stop at "Johanniterbrücke"; **Bus no. 30, 31, 33** stop at "Kinderspital", **Bus no. 36, 38** stop at "Metzerstrasse".



### REGISTRATION FEE IN BASEL HUB

Workshops fee includes coffee breaks, lunch and Welcome ceremony.

## WELCOME CEREMONY

The Welcome ceremony will take place on Thursday 20 June at 17:30 at the Wildt'sches Haus, located Petersplatz 13 and approximately 8 minutes walking distance from the Biozentrum. The patrician house was built in 1764 for the silk ribbon manufacturer Jeremias Wild-Socin and was intended for his daughter Margaretha. She moved in the house in 1778. The ceremony includes foods and drinks.



## SOCIAL EVENT

The Social event will take place on Friday 21 June at 20:00 - 23:00 on the river boat MS Christoph Merian (costs: Euro 75.- per person, including first service of beverages). The boat trip along the Rhine will let you admire the landmarks of Basel from their most beautiful perspective. Dinner will be served on the deck. Festivities will include the celebration the 30th anniversary of the PCNE association and of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RSAP journal. Hop off will be possible at Schiffflände, Dreiländereck, St. Alban-Tal or Museum Tinguely for those who want to continue enjoying the Basel night's life.



## ACCOMODATION

Workshops fee are **without** accommodation. However, for students, we offer the possibility to share the apartment of local PhD students. Please contact [info@pcne.org](mailto:info@pcne.org) who will liaise you with a PhD student for more and concrete details. Please indicate your gender, your food restrictions (not your preferences), your smoking status and if you can ride a bicycle.

For more conventional accommodation, the following hotels are close to the venue and have arrangements with the University (please mention your participation to University Basel and the promotion code "PCNE" when booking): **Hotel Odelya** (Missionsstrasse 21); **Hotel Rochat** (Petersgraben 23,); **Hotel Steinenschanze** (Steinengraben 69). Many hotels are near a tram or bus station so that the venue is easily reachable from every hotel.

## ELECTRICITY

Switzerland has 220-230 volts and 50 Hz, so you can use your electric appliances in Switzerland without voltage converter. The power plug sockets are of type J. Plug C will fit, but plug N will *\*not\** fit. Bring an adapter if you need one.



## AIRPORT

If you are travelling by air, you can reach the city via Basel Airport EuroAirport (BSL). It is located inside France a few kilometers from the Swiss border. After landing, be very careful to take the exit "**SWITZERLAND**" after the baggage claim, and do not follow "France"! Getting to the city involves an easy bus ride of 15 minutes (Airport bus no. 50) to the Basel SBB railway station. If you stay at a Basel hotel, the reservation confirmation counts as a transfer ticket and your travel to the city is free. From the railway station, you can walk or take public transport to the city center and several hotels nearby.

## FREE BaselCard

When you stay in a Basel hotel, you will receive the free BaselCard when you check in. This is a personal guest card with attractive features including the free use of public transport (trams and buses zones 10, 11, 13 and 15), 50% discount on admission to Basel's museums, Basel Zoo, Theater and much more.

## CURRENCY

Please note that Switzerland is not part of the European Union and remains with the Swiss franc, usually indicated as CHF. While shopping, merchants may accept euros but are not obliged to do so. Change given back will most likely be in Swiss francs.

## CREDITCARDS

The card most used are Master Card, Visa and American Express. Many banks in Basel have equipped their ATM machines with the MAESTRO or CIRRUS system.

## TAX FREE SHOPPING

The VAT you pay on purchased goods in Switzerland is 7.7%. You may ask at the shops for your Tax Free Form and reclaim the VAT. Your total purchases in a shop must amount to more than CHF 300 (including VAT). You must be a resident outside Switzerland and the goods must be exported within 30 days.

## TIPPING

You never have to worry about tipping in Switzerland, as tips are included in the price. You can, however, add a smile to the face of someone who has provided good service by rounding up to the nearest franc or round figure.