



Information for the “Halting Antimicrobial Resistance Dissemination in Aquatic Environments” meeting (HEARD2018)

Sept 16-19.2018, Monte Verita, Ascona, Switzerland

Travel directions see

<https://www.eawag.ch/fileadmin/Domain1/Agenda/2018/div/09/heard2018/travel.pdf>

Shuttle bus from Locarno station: a 11-seats bus will run from Locarno railway station to Monte Verità on Sunday 16. September with the following departure times:

14.05; 14.45; 15.35; 16.15; 17.05; 17.45

it will work on first-comes-first serves basis and cannot be reserved in advance.

Location of the pick up place is described at this page:

http://www.csf.ethz.ch/how-to-find-us/by-train/_jcr_content/rightpar/contextinfo/fullwidthimage/image.imageformat.lightbox.2096436946.png

(look for this sign: http://www.csf.ethz.ch/how-to-find-us/by-train/_jcr_content/rightpar/contextinfo_0/textimage/image.imageformat.lightbox.1076800081.png)

On Wednesday 19. September we will have the same service from Monte Verità to Locarno railway station, starting right after the end of the closing remarks. a sign up list and schedule will be posted at the conference.

If you arrive outside the shuttle's running hours, taxis are also available outside Locarno station. a one way trip to monte verità takes approx. 10-15 minutes and costs between 25 and 30 Swiss Francs

Authors with oral or poster flash presentations: The lecture room is equipped with audio/video system and one Windows and one Mac laptop. A third channel for use of own computer is also available. If you have an oral or poster-flash presentation, you are invited to upload your presentation on the day when your talk is scheduled, before the session begins. Members of our committee will be around to help you.

Authors with Posters: please print your poster in advance. there are no poster printing facilities at monte verità. the poster boards are sized 180 cm (width) x 120 cm (height). as long as your poster fits within this size, we do not have any further requirements for format/style. Posters can be displayed from arrival until tuesday afternoon (before departing for the excursion). **Please make sure that you remove your poster on tuesday afternoon.**

Arrival day: On Sunday you can register and pick up your badge and conference bag from 15 at Monte Verità (I will be at the registration desk until dinner). For later arrivals, the material will be available for you at Monte Verità's hotel front desk, which is staffed 24 hours/day. **Participants lodging at Monte Verità: check in possible from 15.00.** Earlier check-in possible depending on whether or not the room was used the previous night. check with the hotel reception at arrival.

Computer and Wireless at Monte Verità

a free wireless network is available at Monte Verità. You will receive upon registration all the information on how to use the wireless (network name, password and settings). Additionally, a computer room is available for you 24 hours/day. A black and white printer is also available in the computer room.

Excursion and conference dinner

On Tuesday 18. September, around 15.00, there will be a guided excursion on Lake Maggiore, to the Island of Brissago, just off the coast from Ascona. You will reach the island by boat and visit its botanical garden. The conference dinner will be at the island restaurant. Please refer to the CSF folder you will receive at registration for the program of the excursion.

Comfortable shoes are advised for the short and easy walk on the island. We hope for pleasant weather, but the boat return trip after dinner may get a bit cooler so a light jacket is advised.

Weather forecast:

you can refer to your favorite/usual weather websites to check the forecasts for Ascona. one example is <https://www.meteoblue.com/en/switzerland/weather-ascona>

Clothing: there is no dress code for the conference and for the conference dinner. For the excursion, no particular clothing is required, just comfortable shoes for easy walking around the island and in general proper clothing depending on weather forecast (hoping for sunny days!).

Further information if you travel to Switzerland for the first time

Currency: the local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF). (at the time of writing, it is exchanged nearly 1:1 with USD and at ca. 1.10 for 1 Euro). Euros are accepted in many shops and restaurants in the area but the exchange rate may not be optimal for you and most of the time you will receive the change in Swiss Francs. There are ATM machines and banks in the town of Ascona, as well as at Locarno train station. **There is no ATM machine at Monte Verità.**

Electricity: power sockets in Switzerland are of the "Type J" and look like this:

http://users.telenet.be/worldstandards/electricity.htm#plugs_j

Most of the commercially available power adapters have this kind of plug available. The Monte Verità hotel has a (limited) number of adapters available at the front desk (they ask a little deposit that is returned upon returning the adapter). We recommend having an adapter with you and making sure that it is compatible with the Swiss system. Voltage is 230 V and frequency is 50 Hz.