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Second Announcement

Meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.

Prague, Czech Republic, Hotel OREA Angelo Praha

June 27 – July 1, 2027

Dear colleagues ,

we have much pleasure in inviting you to attend the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, to be held from June 27 – July 1, 2027, in Prague, Hotel OREA Angelo Praha (Adress: Radlická 3216, 150 00 Praha 5-Smíchov, website: www.orea.cz/en/hotel-angelo). The venue is situated in the Smíchov district of Prague and situated close to the Vltava River (0,5 km) and to the historic city center (1 km).

The Czech Republic is one of the world's most respected hop-growing countries and has a proud hop-growing tradition that goes back more than 700 years. Hop cultivation has shaped both the landscape and the culture of the famous Žatec region, which was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2023. Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is one of Europe's most beautiful historic cities and is known for its impressive architecture, rich (beer) culture, and lively atmosphere. The city combines a long history with modern business and tourism, making it an excellent location for our meeting. Participants will have the opportunity to visit Žatec and the landscape of Saaz hops, as well as to explore the charming city of Prague. I´m especially grateful to Josef Patzak, who has kindly agreed to act as the local organizer. We will have a great opportunity to see Czech hops, which have a long tradition, from a personal view.

As in previous years, accommodation, conference sessions, and meals will take place at the same venue, providing a convenient setting for both scientific exchange and networking.
The hotel offers modern meeting facilities, professional conference services, and sufficient room capacity for all participants. In case of room shortages, the sister hotel OREA Andel´s is in walking distance (50 m).

Preliminary program outline

- Sunday, 27 June 2027
    - Arrival of delegates and hotel check-in
    - **17:00 - 19:00 h** Registration
    - **19:00 - 21:00 h** Icebreaker and Get-together

- Monday, 28 June 2027
    - **08:00 - 09:00 h** Registration
    - **09:00 - 14:00 h** Scientific program (incl. Coffee break and Lunch)
    - **14:00 - 17:00 h** Poster session (incl. Coffee break)
    - **18:00 h** Start of Prague city tour (different options – walk, tram, metro)
    - **20:00 - 23:00 h** Dinner at Červený Jelen

- Tuesday, 29 June 2027
    - **09:00 - 12:00 h** Scientific program (incl. Coffee break and Lunch)
    - **13:00 h** Excursion by bus to Žatec, with visit of the hop institute, hop processing facilities, and the city by foot in groups. Evening event at the hop institute.
    - ***ca* 20:30 / 21:30 h** Return to Prague, Hotel OREA Angelo (2 buses)

- Wednesday, 30 June 2027
    - **09:00 - 13:00 h** Scientific program (incl. Coffee break and Lunch)
    - **13:00 - 14:00 h** Administrative meeting of the STC, I.H.G.C.
    - **14:00 - 16:00 h** Scientific program (incl. Coffee break)
    - **16:00 - 20:00 h** Free time
    - **20:00 h** Official congress dinner at Hotel OREA Angelo

- Thursday, 1 July 2027
    - Breakfast
    - Departure of delegates

Scientific program - Oral or poster presentations

You´re very welcome to share your research by giving an oral presentation or presenting a poster. If so, please share the following details by using the registration form (link can be found below):

- Title
- Name of authors
- Abstract (max. 200 words) **until March 1st, 2027** to Silvana.laupheimer@barthhaas.com

From all submitted abstracts we'll select the presentations accepted for the conference (approx. 35 talks and 15 posters). First authors will be notified **before March 26th, 2027,** if their contribution has been accepted.
At the meeting, please present your research **in English**. Oral presentations will be **15-20 minutes** in length (**including discussion**), depending on the number of submissions. Session chairs will be notified in advance of the meeting and are encouraged to strictly observe the time limits of every talk. A beamer for presentations will be available. I kindly ask you to provide your presentation files per mail to Silvana.laupheimer@barthhaas.com **until June 26th**, **2027**. 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 open-access conference proceedings is mandatory, which must be submitted **until May 3rd, 2027**. Detailed information will be provided to presenters with the next announcement. You´re also welcome to check out the conference proceedings of the last year´s meetings on *www.ihgc.org/commissions*.

Please note that this year's full conference proceedings will only be available in a digital format.

Online Registration for the STC Meeting 2027 –

→ Go to registration form ←

Please read the instructions regarding the scientific program before. Details about registration fee and included items can be found on the following pages.

Registration fee

Please note that the given early-bird price is preliminary and can still change slightly, depending on the number of attendees and potential sponsoring. The registration fee is a package price covering practically all costs (except accommodation) of the event and can't be divided into single items.

Registration fee (preliminary; can still change, depending on sponsoring and number of attendees)	Early-bird price for registration before or on **April 9th, 2027**	After **April 9th, 2027**
Delegate or accompanying person	**550 €**	**650 €**

The registration fee for delegates or the accompanying person includes:

- attendance at the meeting and all events from Sunday evening to Thursday morning
- conference materials
- all other conference costs, like the rent for conference rooms and equipment
- the full mid-conference excursion on Tuesday: Coach ride to Zatec and back, with visit of the city and the hop research institute and dinner there.
- all catering services at the hotel:
    - icebreaker on Sunday
    - meals (lunches and coffee breaks) during the conference
    - official conference dinner on Wednesday, including drinks (soft drinks, beers, bottled wine)
- the social event with Prague sightseeing and dinner at the Red Stag on Monday evening

- but **NOT** your hotel accommodation and breakfast, which must be booked and balanced by each attendee separately (see under 'Accommodation')
- but **NOT** parking in the hotel garage. This is available for 850 KČ/CAR/24 HRS. Parking cannot be reserved or booked in advance
- and **NOT** your travel costs for getting there.

The STC is responsible for payment in full of the entire event. We therefore expect timely payment of the registration fee before April 9th, 2027.
An earlier payment is highly appreciated.

Accommodation

We have an agreement for a 10% discount with the Hotel OREA Angelo for your room reservations during the conference. The booking and payment of your accommodation (incl. breakfast and tax) should be made by each attendee directly. Please use the following hotel code for your booking: **SBUSINESS10**

Details of the hotel and booking options can be found here: www.orea.cz/en/hotel-angelo. Parking in hotel garage is available for price 850 Kč/car/24 hrs. Parking cannot be reserved or booked in advance. Check-in is possible at 15:00 and check-out until 11:00. The reception is open 24/7.

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 **April 9th, 2027**, which is unfortunately necessary to warrant timely payment by participants! Please make sure that your remittance to the bank account is **free of bank charges to the receiver**.

Account Name:	C.I.C.H.
Credit institute	NLB
IBAN:	SI56 0284 3030 0140 490
BIC/SWIFT code:	LJBASI2X
Reference:	**STC2027 + name of participant**

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 June 13th, 2027. Canceling three days before the meeting means no refund of the total amount.

Early bird registration deadline until April 9th, 2027

Free cancellation of registration (at no expense) until May 28th, 2027

Cancellation with 50% refund of expenses until June 13th, 2027

Cancellation with no refund: until June 24th, 2027

Early application for a visa if necessary

For those persons who need a visa for traveling to Czech Republic, we can provide an official letter of invitation upon request. For more information, please see https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/.

Contact for further questions

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If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If the online registration link or process does not work, please also contact me directly.

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

I´m very much looking forward to welcoming you to Prague in June 2027!

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