

Logistical Information - SedDNA Meeting in Potsdam

06.06.-09.06.2023

Dear all,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Potsdam next week.
Please find below a few logistical information to assist you in finding your way around.

Best wishes,

Ulrike Herzsuh, Kathleen Stoof-Leichsenring, Liv Heinecke
(your local organizing committee)

We are grateful for the support of:



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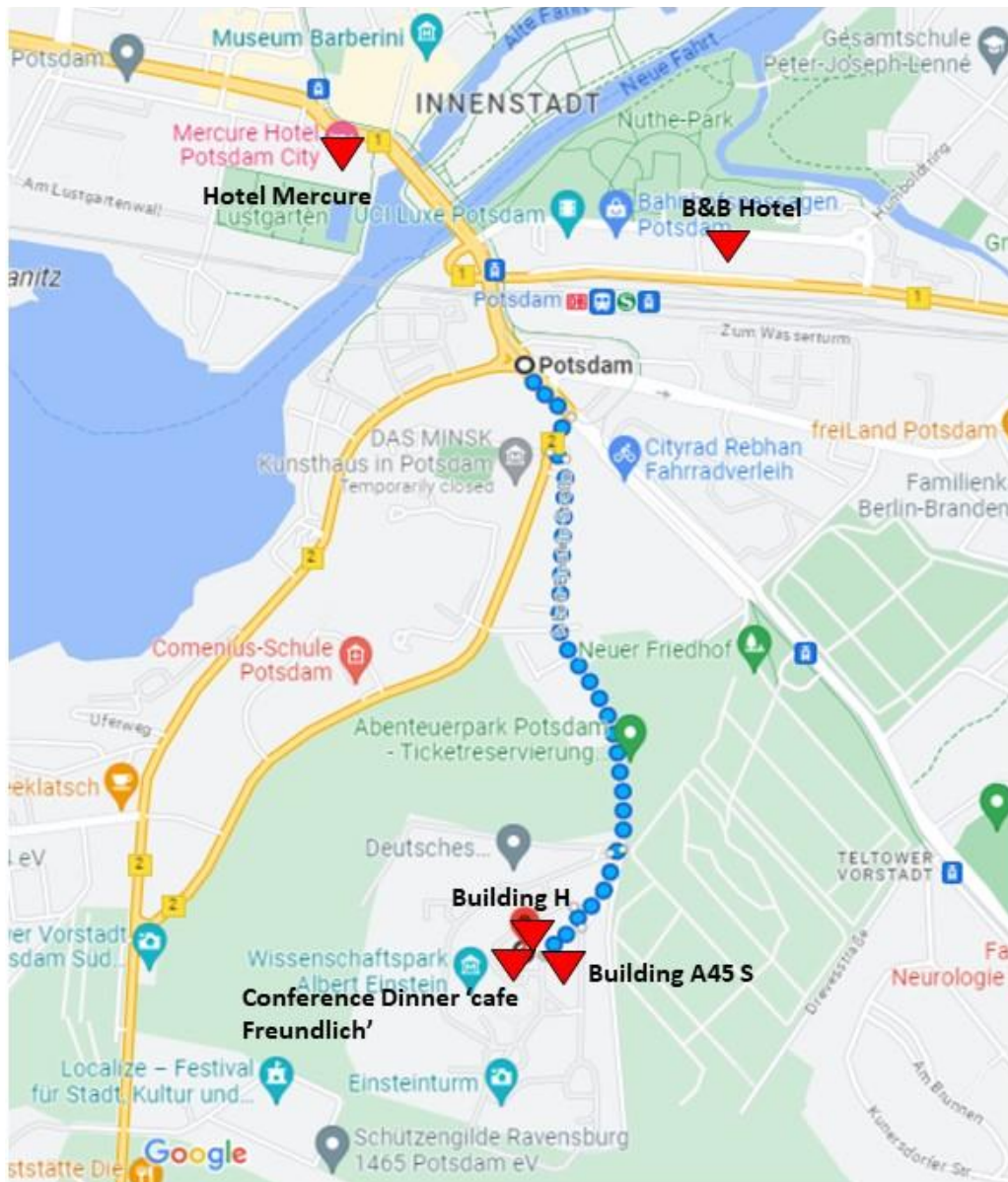
1) Code of conduct

We want everybody to feel welcome and are committed to create an open and respectful environment for everyone. Any sort of discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated.

In case you would like to read up on the code of conduct of the SedDNA Society, please find it here: <https://sedadna.github.io/category/code.html>

In case you feel uncomfortable at any point or would like to report discrimination, harassment or likewise, please feel free and encouraged to approach Liv Heinecke or Eric Capo at any time before, during or after the meeting.

2) Finding your way around:



Map 1: Footpath from Potsdam Main Station to the Telegrafenberg/Science Park

Albert Einstein: <https://goo.gl/maps/mfudK4jbNMJJHnmQ8>

Hotel Mercure: <https://goo.gl/maps/17ANX47NssVw285q6>

B&B Hotel Potsdam: <https://goo.gl/maps/s6z4RrbzUY8ynzCD6>

and Location of Conference Dinner 'cafe Freundlich':

<https://goo.gl/maps/gfm6nkQmUNfBQKNx7?coh=178572&entry=tt> as well.

Bus no. 691 leaves right in front of the main station twice an hour during office hours and stops right in front of building H.



Map 2: Telegrafenberg/Science Park Albert Einstein; main workshop buildings marked

3) Timeline

Please find the up-to-date schedule here: <https://events.hifis.net/event/811/timetable>
Please note that the schedule is also a living document and slight changes might occur. If you refresh your browser regularly you will always have the newest version available.

Below you will find additional information concerning logistics to supplement the workshop schedule.

06.06.

12:00 Registration: We expect over 120 participants, please be a little patient with us during registration and allow for some time before the first talks start.

Posters: Once you registered, you are welcome to hang your poster anywhere you like. We ask people with A0 Posters to please hang them on the wooden poster frames and leave the other poster walls to participants which might have smaller posters sizes.

Symposium talks: We ask all speakers to please bring your presentation on a stick to us latest in the break before your session. We will copy them onto the presentation pc - this is a windows PC and in our experience Powerpoint works best, but we can also test if a PDF version runs fine in the break before your session.

Poster lightening session: Please present your Poster in a 45 sec. pitch using a single slight which should be inserted at the bottom of this document:

 SedDNA Meeting - Posterlightening . We will go through the presentation in the first come first serve order and look forward to your small teasers.

Poster Session and Ice Breaker: We will have two time slots for the poster session so that people have a chance to also see other posters. The posters will stay on display at least until Thursday so that you can continue discussions later on during the meeting again.

During the Ice breaker some finger food and non alcoholic drinks will be available. We will also provide some beer with a 'trust' jar. Please bring some change - a beer will be 1€ each.

We will also provide a table tennis table - please bring a table tennis paddle if you have one so that we can play a little.

07.06.

14:20 Mid-Meeting Excursion:

Welcome to the Unesco World heritage site Potsdamer Castles and Gardens. Everybody is welcome to join a morning walk through Park Sanssouci which translates to 'without worries'. We will make our way in smaller groups from the conference venue to the main train station and take the train to the station Park Sanssouci. From there we will walk to the Neues Palais and take a stroll in the gardens, enjoying the park and historical buildings.

We will have three to four groups leaving for the park, please join one and stick to your guide. They will help you to arrive safely at the park and show or explain to you where the Neue Kammern (New chambers) are, in case you signed up for a tour.

The two tours will start five minutes apart at the visitor center at the 'Historische Mühle' (historic windmill) and are audio guided tours. You can move through the building at your own pace and enjoy the park and gardens once you are done.

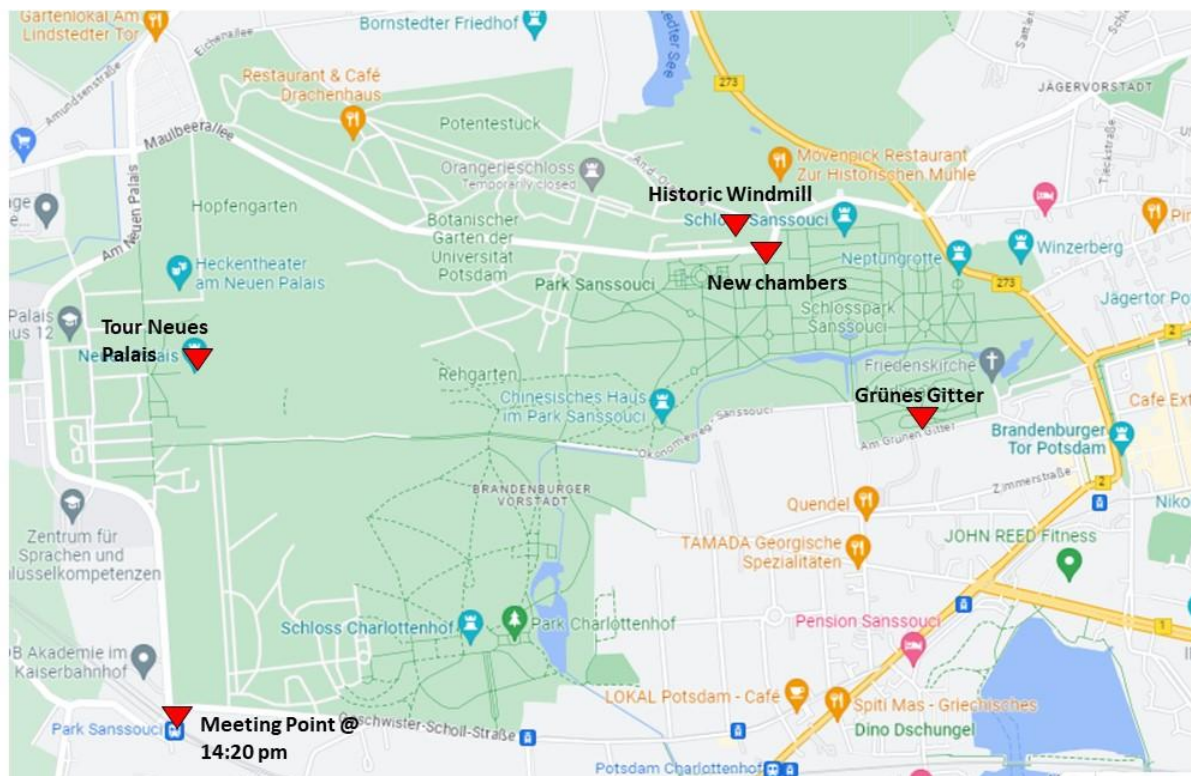
Please make sure to arrive on time at 4:10 pm to participate in your tour, otherwise you will miss it.

After the tour you can make your way back to the Telegrafenberg in your own time if you registered for the conference dinner. If you wish to walk back in a group, please be at the 'Grünes Gitter' at 5:45 pm. A group of people will walk back the 3,5 km (approx. 45 min) walk through the Potsdam City Center to the Telegrafenberg and enter via the 'Grünes Gitter' into the Park.

Entrance to Neue Kammern and public transport:

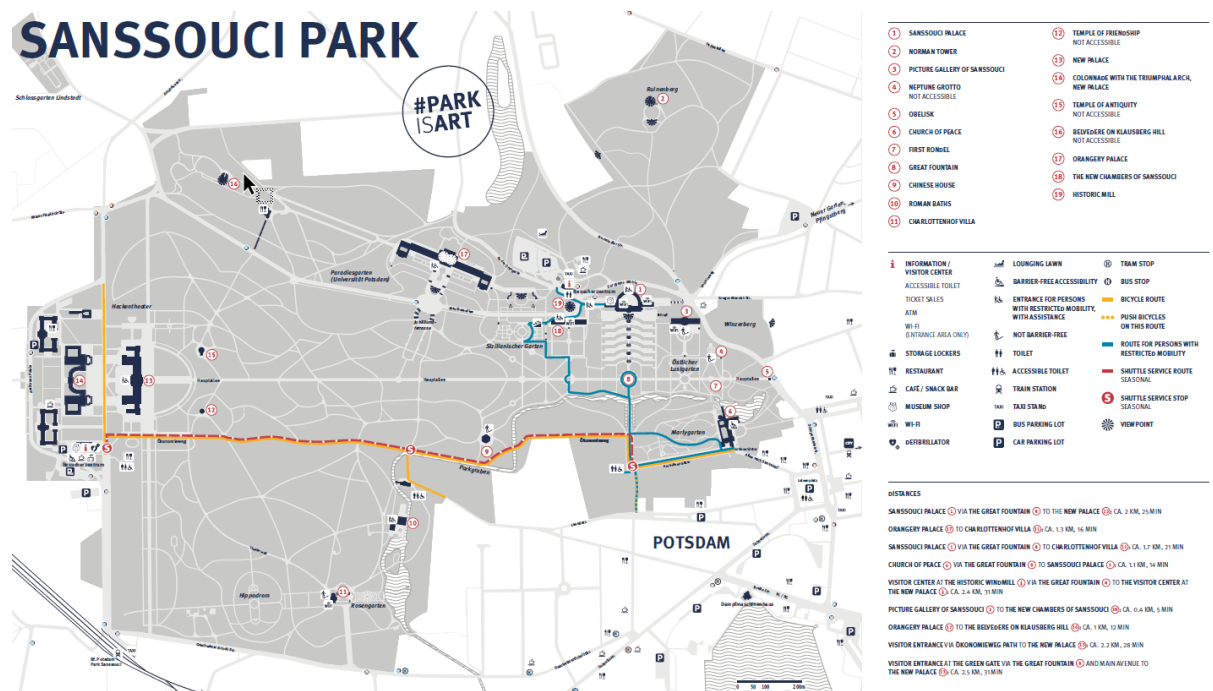
Please bring 4,50€ in cash for your ticket to the Neue Kammern and pay during the registration in exchange for your ticket. In case you do not have €-cash, we can use paypal again but please do not transfer anything yet as the account is likely different. We will also organize public transport tickets for you to get to the park and back if you like. Please consider if you would like to walk back to your hotel or the conference dinner after the walk in park Sanssouci or if you would prefer to take the public transport. One ticket costs 2,50€. We will ask you how many tickets you need during registration and collect the money together with the 4,50€ for the Neue Kammern.

If you would like some more information on the park, gardens and buildings, including an app which you can download, please check out this website:
<https://www.spsg.de/en/palaces-gardens/object/new-palace/>.



Timeline:

- meet at 14.30; leave at 14.35 in 3 Groups - Josefine Weiß, Weihan Jia and Sebastian Valencia will guide the tours (group of 25-30 people)
- go down to Main train Station
- stamp ticket before entering the train
- catch train at 15:09; or if you missed it 15:18 to station Potsdam Park Sanssouci
- walk to Neue Palais and enjoy the park
- be at the Alte Mühle at 4:10 pm if you want to join the tour. If you are late you will miss it
- 1 hour audio guide tour
- return to Telegrafenberg in your own time (by foot or tram/bus/train) OR meet with the group at 5:45 sharp at the Grünes Gitter to walk back to the Telegrafenberg for the conference dinner which starts at 6:30pm.



SANSSOUCI PARK



FROM THE FRENCH BAROQUE-INFLUENCED PLEASURE GARDEN FROM THE 18TH CENTURY TO THE PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE PARK OF THE 19TH CENTURY: THE UNESCO-WORLD HERITAGE PARK SANSSOUCI UNITES GARDEN ART WITH ARCHITECTURE, TERRACES, SCULPTURES AND FOUNTAINS IN ART-FILLED STAGINGS OF NATURE – #PARKSART.

1 SANSSOUCI PALACE



Prussian King Frederick II ("the Great", 1712–1786) loved his charming palace above the vineyard terraces as his private refuge. He needed "candeur" in these rooms decorated in the Frederickian style.

2 NORMAN TOWER



Antique ruins at Sanssouci? This Roman inspired backdrop architecture, built for Frederick the Great in 1786, was designed for its picturesque effect from a distance. The Norman Lookout tower was added 100 years later.

3 PICTURE GALLERY OF SANSSOUCI



The sculptural decoration around the windows of the garden facade, which makes a theme of the arts and sciences, refers to the inside of the building: in the splendid gallery hall, you may admire the valuable painting collection of Frederick the Great.

4 NEPTUNE GROTTO



A jewel of Frederickian garden design: Neptune, god of the sea, is enthroned above the portal of the fountain arrangement with its shell-shaped marble basin. Shells of mother of pearl, painted red flowers and crystal ornaments inside the grotto.

5 OBELISK



Forty obelisks adorn the obelisk which, each together with two double rows of pillars, comprise the Obelisk Portal at the eastern entrance to the park. At the foot of the pillars, the goddesses Flora and Fauna set the mood for your visit to the park.

6 CHURCH OF PEACE



Early Christian basilicas in Rome inspired King Frederick William IV (1795–1861) to this ensemble in the Marly Garden. The campanile, a 3 stories in height, towers over the Church of Peace with its cloister and atrium.

7 FIRST RONDEL



The main axis between the obelisk and the New Palace is structured with hedge-lined enclosures. The First Rondel displays busts of two Roman emperors and four Atlantes as antique reliefs.

8 GREAT FOUNTAIN



Twelve marble sculptures constitute the French Rondel around the Great Fountain in the garden parterre of Sanssouci Park. The statues of gods and allegories of the four elements are masterful copies created by contemporary artists from the French originals.

9 CHINESE HOUSE



Clear the stage for the Rococo presentation of the Chinese style: floating in the riches of the garden pavilion are "Chinese" groups of figures in exotic costumes. Inside, the same atmosphere continues with the imaginative ceiling painting.

10 ROMAN BATHS



Italy as a place of longing. Inspired by 19th-century Italian country estates, the architect Schinkel and Persius created the Roman ensemble of buildings and gardens for Crown Prince Frederick William IV, who became king in 1840.

11 CHARLOTTENHOFFVILLA



This summer residence of the Crown Prince Frederick William IV and Crown Princess Charlotte reveals itself to be an elegant villa in the Classicist style rising above the grounds with terraces, colonnades, gardens and fountains.

12 TEMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP



Frederick the Great dedicated this pavilion intended to his favorite sister Wilhelmina. The marble statue shows her as the Empress of Sardinia, and the medallion images on the columns commemorate famous friendship couples from Antiquity.

13 NEW PALACE



Frederick the Great referred to this representative palace topped with a cupola and adorned with hundreds of sculptures, which he used for his guests as a "Hoftheater". Beautiful interiors! The interior is captivating with its grandiose banquet hall and luxurious apartments.

14 COLONNADE WITH THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH, NEW PALACE



In the middle of the western border of Sanssouci Park, two colonnades with the Triumphal Arch form the pendant to the New Palace on the opposite side. The colonnade is flanked on both sides by the "summerhouse", service buildings for the palace household.

15 TEMPLE OF ANTIQUITY



Beneath a dense growth of trees in the closed retreat with pillar decoration and dome, built as the pendant piece to the Temple of Friendship, King Frederick the Great kept his valuable collection of Antique sculptures.

16 BELVEDERE ON KLAUSBERG HILL



The last building to be erected in the 18th century at Sanssouci also followed the model of Antiquity. The two-story round building, covered with a dome and encircled with pillars – completed in 1772, destroyed by fire in 1845, reconstructed in 1992 – offers beautiful views (open on special occasions).

17 ORANGERY PALACE



A statue of Frederick William IV before his "favorite creation". With its impressive grounds consisting of a great garden in the center building, a lookout gallery between the two towers and the two plant halls, the completion of the "Prussian Arcadia" was achieved in 1861.

18 NEW CHAMBERS OF SANSSOUCI



Similar from the outside to the Picture Gallery with its cupola and, on the garden facade with sculptures as well as French fountains, the New Chambers accommodate lavishly appointed guest apartments and unique banquet halls and galleries.

19 HISTORIC MILL



The mill, which burnt down in 1846, has been reconstructed at its original location. It has an exhibition that shows the mill's history and the processing of grain. Today it mills flour for organic baked goods.

WELCOME TO THIS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Sanssouci Park is open to you daily from 8 a.m. until dark. The Palace Park ranks among the world-class garden networks. Please help us to care for and preserve it by observing the park regulations and information signs on location.

PARK REGULATIONS AT SANSSOUCI PARK
www.spsg.de/parkordnung-sanssouci

PARKSART Palace gardens are works of art! Information: www.spsg.de/en/palaces-and-gardens/parksart

ACCESSIBILITY AT PARK SANSSOUCI

Sanssouci Park stretches over three height levels. The slope between the levels is always greater than 6%.

Most of the park grounds are located on the lower level where the New Palace, Charlottenhof Villa, the Roman Baths, the Chinese House and the Church of Peace are located.

The middle level can be reached via the Schloss Garden. From there, you can go to the New Chambers of Sanssouci and via another slope, you will come to Sanssouci Palace. You may also access this level using public transportation (line 64).

The upper level of the park can be reached by turning left behind the Visitor Center at the Historic Mill. Also located on this level are the Orangery Palace and the Belvedere on Klausberg Hill. Unfortunately, Charlottenhof Villa, the Chinese House, the Belvedere on Klausberg Hill and the Picture Gallery of Sanssouci are not accessible for visitors with wheelchairs.

You will find a recommended route for exploring all three levels on the back of this brochure.

ADVICE: Guided by: Stiftung Preussische Schlösser und Gärten Berlin-Brandenburg, Sanssouci Palace (tel. 030 264 55 10), Schloss Charlottenhof (tel. 030 264 55 11), Schloss Pfaueninsel (tel. 030 264 55 12), Schloss Babelsberg (tel. 030 264 55 13), Schloss Jüterbog (tel. 030 264 55 14), Schloss Stolper (tel. 030 264 55 15), Schloss Teltow (tel. 030 264 55 16), Schloss Zeuthen (tel. 030 264 55 17).

VISITOR INFORMATION: +49 (0) 30 264 55 10-200

TICKETS: SP5G-DE

CONTACT: @SP5G-DE

WEBSITE: www.spsg.de

ADDRESS: Sanssouci Park, 15085 Berlin, Germany

OPENING HOURS: 8 a.m. to dusk

ADMISSION: Free

CONTACT: +49 (0) 30 264 55 10-200

WEBSITE: www.spsg.de

ADDRESS: Sanssouci Park, 15085 Berlin, Germany

OPENING HOURS: 8 a.m. to dusk

ADMISSION: Free

18:30 Conference Dinner

After the excursion we will slowly make our way to the 'Cafe Freundlich':

<https://goo.gl/maps/gfm6nkQmUNfBQKNx7?coh=178572&entry=tt>

for the conference dinner. Food is included as well as drinks for three hours, including soft drinks, beer and wine

Joining Breakout Sessions

We will pin the information which breakout session will be in which room to the information board in the conference area in building H. If in doubt where your favored breakout session will take place, please have a look.

4) Internet Access

There is eduroam available in every building on the Telegrafenberg.

In case you do not have eduroam or it does not work properly, please see below:

in building H (@GFZ log in)

You will receive two wlan log in vouchers at the registration which allow you to log into the GFZ Wifi in building H. Please use one for your computer and one for your mobile phone to avoid having to log in again each time you want to go online.

in building A45 (@AWI log in)

Please log in with the details below and follow the instructions below.



Wi-Fi Account awi-guest

Name	<i>AWI Guest Account</i>
Username	<i>acco0106</i>
Password	<i>7Je2D5rp</i>
Expiration date	<i>15.06.2023</i>
SSID / Wi-Fi	<i>awi-guest</i>

By making use of this Wi-Fi access account, you imply your acceptance of the following Acceptable Use Policy!

awi-guest Acceptable Use Policy

- Authorized users must read, agree with and accept all of the terms and conditions contained in this notice form using the Guest Networking Service
- Access to AWI Guest Networking Service is for authorized users only.
- Any usage of this service, which could negatively affect our IT security or would be a violation of existing law, is prohibited.
- You will not pass the account information to any other person.

Requirements

- A Laptop or PDA with Wi-Fi capabilities (802.11a/b/g). This functionality may be built into your device, or is supplement as a wireless PCMCIA card.
- Latest wireless card drivers loaded to avoid association issues with our wireless network
- After enabling your wireless device, you may need to set your SSID to awi-guest with no encryption or authentication.
- Your wireless device must be configured to obtain an IP address automatically (DHCP)

- Web Browser Software. You can use any standard internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox, on any operating system.
- You will not be able to send email directly from a native mail client, unencrypted (Port 25). This is to prevent SPAMing from our network. We encourage you to use either webmail or "go" through VPN from your institution.

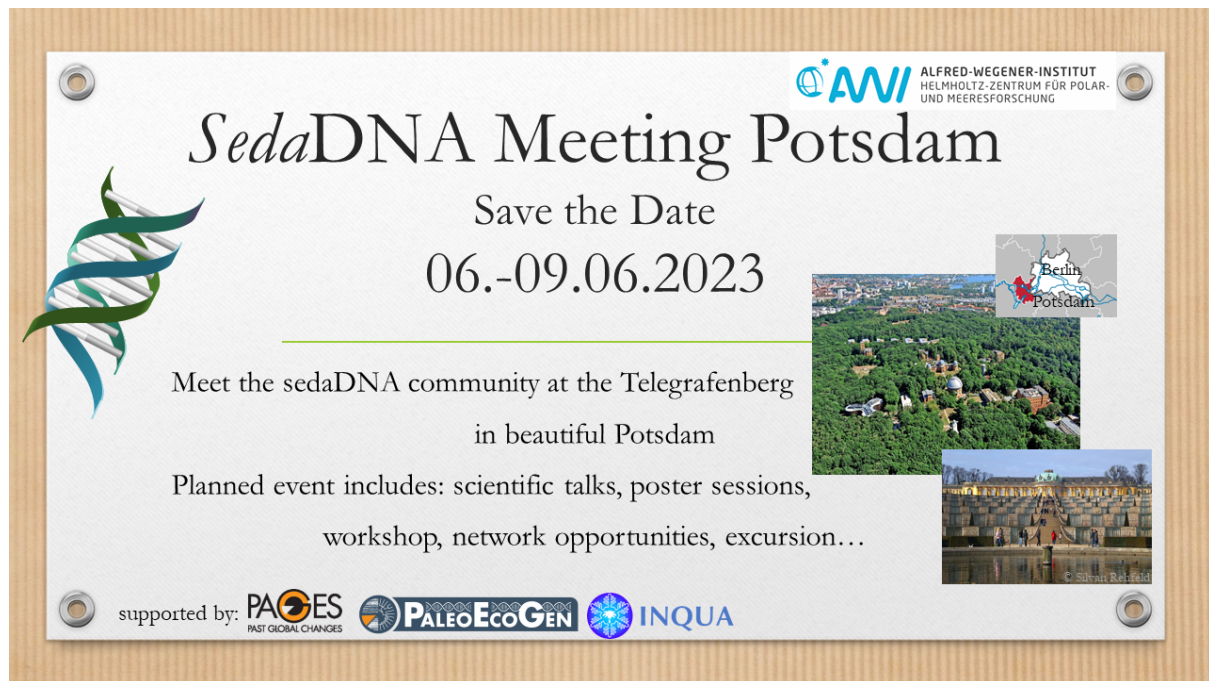
Instructions

1. Connect to the wireless network "awi-guest".
 2. Launch your web browser in any of our wireless enabled areas and you will be redirected to the authentication web page.
 3. Enter your username and password, as shown above.
 4. You're connected!
 5. PLEASE NOTE that you are now working over an unencrypted radio link. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND to immediately start a VPN "tunnel" to your home-institution!
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sedDNA Meeting Potsdam 2023 - First Circular

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to announce the **first exclusive international SedaDNA Meeting - Shedding light on current developments in Paleo Ecological Genomics** at Potsdam,



Germany. Please use the link below to indicate your interest to come to the meeting (**deadline** to fill in the expression of interest is the **3rd march 2023**).

[Expression of interest](#)

Sedimentary ancient DNA (sedaDNA) is an established proxy used to investigate the past biodiversity over decadal to millennial timescales, which enables reconstruction of community and eco-functional changes revolutionizing paleoecology research. The recent developments in DNA sequencing techniques, the improvement of DNA reference databases, optimization of bioinformatic tools, recent harmonization of sedaDNA data with other proxy data and the implementation of new statistical methodologies, like multivariate and ecological network analysis, have opened up a broad spectrum of applications in case studies addressing various paleoecological research questions. The 4-day meeting will contain: a **sedDNA symposium** part with oral and poster contributions, compact **hands-on workshops** for Early Career Researchers on the topics metabarcoding and metagenomics, a **PAGES PaleoEcoGen WG writing workshop** and a **Past Arctic networks workshop**.

[Location](#)

Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Telegrafenberg A45, Potsdam, Germany

[Local Organizers](#)

Kathleen Stoof-Leichsenring, Ulrike Herzsuh, Liv Heinecke from AWI in Potsdam

[Date](#)

06.06.2023 - 09.06.2023

Outline of the meeting

Symposium (06.-07.06)

The symposium part will include invited keynote talks and poster sessions. Every participant (except for invited speakers, they can bring an additional poster) should bring a poster, which will be exhibited for the entire symposium. We will have poster sessions including a 1 minute lightning talk to attract people to come to your posters.

Confirmed keynote talks will be given by:

Alsos, Inger - The Arctic University Museum of Norway, Norway
Armbrecht, Linda - University of Tasmania, Australia
Barouillet, Cecilia - French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment (INRAE), France
Capo, Eric- Instituto de Ciencias del Mar, Spain
Chevalier, Manuel - University of Bonn, Germany
Coissac, Eric - Université Grenoble Alpes, France
Creer, Simon - Bangor University, UK
Epp, Laura - University of Konstanz, Germany
Fellows Yates, James - Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany & Leibniz Institute for Natural Product Research and Infection Biology, Germany
Hofreiter, Michael - University Potsdam, Germany
Heintzman, Pete - Stockholm University, Sweden
Herzschuh, Ulrike - Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Germany
Lindqvist, Charlotte - University at Buffalo, USA
Pedersen, Mikkel - University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Stoof-Leichsenring, Kathleen - Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Germany
Stijn de Schepper - Norce, Norway
Taranu, Zofia - Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Canada
Vernot, Benjamin - Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany
Wang, Yucheng - Cambridge University, UK

Hands-on workshops for ECRs: 1) on metabarcoding and 2) on metagenomics (08.06.)

The workshops are fitted to ECRs and students and will impart the current data analysis pipelines of metabarcoding (Obitools) and metagenomics approaches (including shotgun data analysis and capture methods). The hands-on workshops will be held one after another and each workshop will last approx. 3 hours.

Scientific workshops: PAGES PaleoEcoGen WG and Past Arctic Networks (hybrid, 08.-09.06)

The scientific workshops will run in parallel and allow online participation. All on-site participants are free to choose which workshop they would like to participate in. The **PAGES PaleoEcoGen** workshop will be a writing workshop on the topic: "Evaluating past critical transitions with sedDNA time series" and parts of the workshop will be restricted and others are open to everyone interested. The **Past Arctic networks** workshop aims to assemble scientists from Arctic research, environmental DNA and network analytics. The

interdisciplinary combination of the subjects intend to explore the potential of ecological network analytics using sedimentary ancient DNA data across glacial and interglacial times.

Further links

<https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/129294>

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Potsdam in June!

With best regards

Kathleen, Ulrike and Liv