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of Onomastic Sciences – ICOS
in 2027

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The date proposed for the ICOS 2027 congress:

August 16 – August 20, 2027

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Theme: Names as condensed narratives

Language: English

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THE MAYOR AND GOVERNOR
OF VIENNA

To the
Board of Directors of the
International Council of Onomastic Sciences

Vienna, July 2024

Dear Board of Directors,

in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Vienna I take great pleasure in inviting you most cordially to hold the 29th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) 2027 in Vienna.

Vienna is well known for its cosmopolitan flair and for being one of the world's leading convention destinations. Its climate of openness and understanding makes it an ideal backdrop for all kinds of meetings such as medical conferences, technical symposia, corporate meetings and major international scientific conferences.

History has provided ample proof of Vienna's role as a prominent meeting place. The City's active commitment to research, its prospering economy and excellent conference facilities, combined with the professional experience of highly skilled management personnel, are the best guarantee for a successful continuation of this tradition. Today, Vienna is home to the United Nations and to other international organisations like IAEA, UNIDO, OPEC and IIASA. Moreover, Vienna is simply a great place to be: in 2022 the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize was presented to the city. The prize recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to the creation of liveable, vibrant and sustainable urban communities around the world.

I am confident that Vienna's attractions, its rich cultural life, stimulating arts and music scene, its refined lifestyle, traditional elegance and emphasis on first-rate service will provide an enjoyable and valuable complement to your meetings.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Michael Ludwig

01 Background, motivation & relevance of the bid



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It was the dedicated wish of ICOS President Katalin Reszegi and the entire ICOS Board of Directors to get – after Barcelona (Spain) 2011, Glasgow (United Kingdom) 2014, Debrecen (Hungary) 2017, Cracow [Kraków] (Poland) 2021 and Helsinki/Helsingfors (Finland) 2024 – the next ICOS Congress organized in an extra-European venue. When a call prompted no results and the two extra-European Board members found no possibility to arrange a congress in their Latin-American home countries, the bidder as the ICOS Vice-President responsible for cooperations was charged to find such a venue by activating his international contacts. South Africa (Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein) looked for about half a year very promising until drastic budget cuts for all universities ended this possibility. Intensive and partly time-consuming search for other extra-European venues (Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Seoul, Republic of Korea; New Zealand; Australia) brought unfortunately no result either. The search could be conducted so intensively and over a longer period, because there existed always the realistic retreat option of holding the congress in Vienna [Wien], the scientific home of two ICOS Board members. After all, this option was activated with the consent and support of Heinz Fassmann, President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, as well as the support and commitment of the Austrian Academy's department for event management. The Congress can thus take place in the premises of the Austrian Academy located in Vienna's historical center with a festive hall for 300 persons and five additional conference rooms offering space for six parallel sessions and in total 500 participants.

The **congress theme “Names as condensed narratives”** is to highlight the importance and relevance of names and naming, but to leave space enough for the whole variety of onomastic topics and scientific approaches. It may nevertheless be understood as setting a certain accent on the Vienna Congress and to trigger paper submissions into this direction.

Names can be regarded as ‘condensed narratives’ about the person or feature they denote as well as about the name-giver(s). This can very well be exemplified by place names. With them, the attribute of ‘condensed narratives’ applies most typically to descriptive names based on the assumption that every name has been given intentionally, i.e. with the intention to highlight an essential or striking aspect of the feature, although the meaning of a name and this intention are not always transparent for us today, since some place names are very old, originate in former languages or variants of a language spoken in a place and have been adapted to the current language in place morphologically and phonetically.

In the direction of the name-giver or the name-giving community place names are especially interesting, since they convey an impression of how people perceived their environment and what was important for them. Thus, place names are also keys to cultural history, to the perception of space by already extinct societies. Farmers had perceptions and interests different from herdsmen, seafarers and coastal dwellers different from people residing in the hinterland. They are all deducible by place names, if these are analyzed carefully and combined with additional historical information. But place names and the linguistic landscape in general can also tell stories about the cultural disposition of a current community. Is it integrative and accepting

and appreciating contemporary minorities and former cultural layers? Or, is it characterized by the domination of the majority and disregarding former cultures in place or ingredients of former cultures? Their indicative value in this respect may even be regarded as higher than the built environment, the architectural composition of a cultural landscape. While the continued existence of buildings from former cultural periods may just be due to the lack of new investment, the continued presence of inscriptions in a former language in place is at least an indication of tolerance, of a non-aggressive attitude towards the former culture, because it would have been easy to extinguish them. Is the minority language or the former and almost extinct language even included into modern inscriptions and modern official signage, this can be taken as a proof for an appreciation of the minority or former culture going sometimes as far as styling a multicultural identity.

What was said on place names as ‘condensed narratives’ can mutatis mutandis also be applied to other name categories such as names of persons, animals and features other than places in the geographical sense.

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Thus, submissions for the Vienna Congress are invited to pay tribute to the Congress theme but are not obliged to do so. The workshops and individual papers might cover (but are not limited to) also the following topics:

- Names between heritage preservation and cultural change
- Names in the focus of various sciences
- The universal phenomena of names and naming
- Names and naming in different parts of the world
- Names as identity markers
- Name changes
- The endonym/exonym divide not only with place names
- Nick names
- Commercial naming
- Minority and indigenous names
- Naming in the Global South
- Names in literature
- Urban toponymy
- The juridical framework of naming
- Place name standardization
- Toponomastics as a field of science
- Toponymy in education

A strong motivation for the bid was the potential mutual benefit of a global congress on onomastics to be held in Vienna. The presence of the 'onomastic world' in Vienna and Austria and the opportunity of attending onomastic presentations relatively easily will certainly foster onomastic research in Vienna and Austria. Vice versa, the variety of onomastic research based in our city and country and encouraged to be presented at the Congress may be an inspiration also for the global visitors.

Right for this reason the Vienna Congress will not make use of all of ICOS' official languages, i.e. English, French, and German, but admit only presentations in English, the most inclusive, by far dominant global trade language and actually the language of sciences of our days. Admitting German, e.g., would mean that – due to the fact that Austria is a German-speaking country, and many participants can also be expected from nearby Germany and the German-speaking part of Switzerland – very likely a larger share of sessions would be conducted in German with the effect of excluding non-German speakers, still the largest part of Congress participants. This would be detrimental to the general aim of international congresses to provide for international communication and the aim of researchers in the German-speaking sphere to present themselves and their work to a wider global audience fortunately present in Vienna, while they are anyway communicating among themselves in their regional and national fora conducted in German.

The hosting **Austrian Academy of Sciences** is Austria's largest non-university research and science institution. Its statutory mission is to "promote science in every way". Founded in 1847 as a learned society, today the Academy has over 760 members and 1,800 employees dedicated to innovative basic research, interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge and the dissemination of new insights with the aim of contributing to progress in science and society as a whole. The members of the Academy engage in interdisciplinary exchange to consider important questions concerning the future, advise on policy and society and inform the general public of important scientific insights. They also form commissions in which they examine questions of great relevance to science and society. The Academy operates 26 research institutes in the field of innovative basic research in the arts and humanities and the social and natural sciences. The Academy stimulates pioneering research by taking up future-oriented topics and ensuring the preservation and interpretation of cultural heritage.

One of the Academy's larger institutes is the **Austrian Center for Digital Humanities and Cultural Heritage**. It pursues basic research in long-term projects for the development and preservation of the cultural heritage as well as research in the methodological and theoretical paradigms of digital documentation, processing, research and visualization of the digital humanities. Within the Center, both pillars are intended to increasingly cross-fertilize each other and, thus, contribute to the development of joint work on the rich treasure of Europe's cultural memory. Isolde Hausner, ICOS

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President from 1999 to 2002, was the head of this institute's predecessor, the Institute for Dialect and Name Lexica.

An onomastic project of the Center (head: Philipp Stöckle) is the Lexical Information System Austria in the sense of a platform on which interested users can find out more about vocabulary and lexical variation in Austria. It is a cooperation project between the Center and the Special Research Area "German in Austria" at the University of Vienna. The content of the information system is currently limited to Bavarian dialects in today's Austria (i.e. excluding the Alemannic areas such as Vorarlberg) as well as in South Tyrol [Südtirol/Alto Adige] and other Bavarian-speaking areas that were formerly part of Austria (e.g. Bohemian, Moravian and South Bavarian language islands). However, the system will be gradually expanded in the coming years. The aim is to make empirically based information about the Austrian vocabulary freely available to the broad public. The core of the Lexical Information System Austria are articles written and published as part of the project "Dictionary of Bavarian Dialects in Austria". The articles contain detailed, lexicographically edited information on the sense, pronunciation, geographical distribution, and usage of the dialect words. In addition, users also have direct access to the digital version of the data collection. This enables extended search options not only for lemmas, but also for pronunciation, senses, sample sentences or questionnaires. A map tool offers the possibility of viewing the exact geographical distribution of various aspects from the dictionary articles (sense, pronunciation, overall distribution of the lemmas). Queries can also be

carried out via the database which makes it possible to display the results of individually defined criteria (e.g. for certain word senses, phonetic variants, grammatical phenomena or also for a certain location or area) on the map.

Another Academy institute working in the field of onomastics is the **Institute of Iranian Studies**. Iranian studies are conventionally defined through language. Simply speaking, its objects are languages belonging to the Iranian branch of the Indo-European languages, and communities and societies whose members used or use these languages in a variety of ways. In this sense the research projects of the institute could be projected on a map that is centered on the three modern nation states which give official status to a variety of Persian: Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. These are joined by regions between the Eastern Mediterranean, the Caucasus and Central Asia where other New Iranian languages are current, such as the Pamir languages, Kurdish and Gorani or Ossetian. Yet the historical influence of Iranian languages as languages of communication, administration or literature reaches beyond these communities and regions. Until the early 20th century, Persian played an important role for example in South Asia and the Ottoman Empire including its European provinces, e.g. Bosnia. In antiquity and the early medieval period, the Eastern Iranian language Sogdian spread along the Silk Road to China. Yet a broader historical and cultural studies approach to Iranian studies has to go beyond a merely linguistic definition and generally take cultural processes into consideration. Areas of inquiry such as cultural "spaces in between", borderlands, diaspora and exile, views and perceptions of self and others, etc. also gain

importance. Through exemplary research in cultural studies and social history of Iran and Iranian/Persianate societies and cultures, the Institute of Iranian Studies aims at contributing to the advancement of theory and methodology in Asian Studies in general.

An onomastic project of the Institute (head: Velizar Sadovski) is The Iranian Book of Personal Names, a large-scale and long-term philological project on Iranian names established and developed since the 1970s by Manfred Mayrhofer, Rüdiger Schmitt and Heiner Eichner. Structurally, the project is taking a special approach to comparative cultural history, above all to the historically related aspects of onomastics. From the outset, the project was designed as a "historical book of names". Its goal is a comprehensive collection of personal names originating from Iranian languages, as well as a lexicon of the people who bore these names. The goal is to examine Iranian sources from the 9th century BCE to the present day. Also to be included are names mentioned (in literature, inscriptions, etc.) by people who came into contact with the Iranians, or who refer to people bearing Iranian names. The articles in the Book have a standardized format (testimonies, prosopography and etymology). They thus provide answers to both philological-linguistic and historical questions. Equally important is the inclusion of secondary onomastic records from the ancient and modern non-Iranian languages used in neighboring regions: in the west, from Latin and Greek and Slavic languages, to Egyptian, Arabic and other Semitic languages, to languages in the east such as those of India, as well as Turkish, Tibetan and Chinese. The Book is not only a useful

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tool and reference work for philologists, linguists and onomasiologists. Its volumes are indispensable for many kinds of work on the history of the region in question, as well as for biographies of individual persons, for demography and social histories, for the history of settlements and tribes, for the history of religion, and for archaeological work. Through its long involvement with this project, the Institute of Iranian Studies has a high degree of expertise in research on names. Work on the project will continue under focal point Iranian Onomastics. A monograph series curated at the Institute of Iranian Studies and published by the Austrian Academy of Sciences Press under the series title "Iranische Onomastik", is dedicated to specialized studies in Iranian onomastics.

At the Academy **Institute of Urban and Regional Research** Peter Jordan, former staff member and now retired, has published 121 toponymic works mainly on the endonym/exonym divide and minority names including – together with Paul Woodman – the edition of the toponymic book series "Name & Place" with so far nine volumes published, the edition of four additional books on toponymy as well as the authorship of three books. His current toponymic research and book project is "Minority place-name standardization. A comparison of regulations and approaches in Europe" to be published as a handbook in three volumes. He served as deputy chair of the Austrian Board on Geographical Names from 1997 to 2007 and was its chair from 2007 to 2017. He represented in this latter period Austria in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) and functioned as the Convenor of the UNGEGN Working Group on Exonyms between 2006 and 2017. Between 2015

and 2017 he was Common Vice-Chair, from 2017 to 2023 Chair from ICA side of the Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy and functioned as the ICA Liaison Officer to UNGEGN between 2015 and 2023. From 2021 he is ICOS Vice-Chair and from 2024 also its UNGEGN Liaison Officer.

At the **University of Vienna**, the **Institute of Germanistics** is most engaged in onomastics. Peter Ernst, Chair of the Association for the Study of Language and Name in Austria [Verein zur Erforschung von Sprache und Name in Österreich, VESNA] is editing the journal Austrian Name Research [Österreichische Namenforschung] founded by Otto Kronsteiner in 1973. In 1989, Heinz-Dieter Pohl took over the publication of the journal at the University of Klagenfurt. In 2014, Heinz-Dieter Pohl handed over the publication of the journal to Peter Ernst.

The **Austrian Board on Geographical Names** (AKO) is the Austrian expert forum for the standardization of geographical names established according to the recommendations of the United Nations and cooperating with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). It is affiliated to the Austrian Geographical Society [Österreichische Geographische Gesellschaft, ÖÖG] and "connected" with the Austrian Academy of Sciences. It conceives itself as a coordinating body of all institutions concerned with geographical names in Austria. These include institutions of the federation and the federal provinces as well as scientific institutions concerned with geographical names and private cartography. The main aim of AKO is to promote the standardization of geographical names in Austria following the recommen-

dations of the United Nations. Major results of its work are several issues of Austrian gazetteers as well as recommendations for the use of exonyms. The Board holds its biannual meetings in Vienna.

The **City of Vienna** supports the Congress in practical terms by its Convention Bureau as well as by funding.

Outside Vienna, Heinz-Dieter Pohl, professor emeritus of the **University of Klagenfurt** and its **Institute of Linguistics** (now Institute of Computer Linguistics) is a most respected scholar in toponymic research, especially in place names of Slovenian origin in Carinthia [Kärnten] and the linguistically mixed Carinthian namescape as well as in German-Slovene language contact, dialectology, and sociolinguistics.

The **Slovenian Ethnographic Institute Urban Jarnik** in Klagenfurt with Martina Piko-Rustia as its head is conducting research on field and house names with a focus on names of the Slovenian minority in Carinthia including empirical surveys and co-editing bilingual (German/Slovene) hiking and tourist maps.

At the **University of Salzburg** and its **Institute of Slavistics**, Thomas Lindner is editing the Historical-Etymological Lexicon of Salzburg Place Names [Historisch-Etymologisches Lexikon der Salzburger Ortsnamen, HELSON]. The Salzburg Place Names Commission, founded in 1975 and consisting of experts and representatives of authorities, has concentrated from the outset on creating the most comprehensive possible place-name index,

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including historical evidence and dialect pronunciation tips, primarily as a basis for a Salzburg place-name book. The layout of this now alphabetically structured Lexicon is based on the political districts. The first volume (City of Salzburg and Flachgau) was published in 2015 under the patronage of the Salzburg Place Names Commission as part of the special volumes of the Society for Salzburg Regional Studies. All settlement names are recorded, i.e. names of towns and villages, hamlets, villages and districts. Farm names (of isolated estates, mainly when there is historical evidence for them), outdated names and interesting field names that are informative in terms of language and history are included unsystematically; a selection of important mountain and water names is also included. An onomastic and linguistic-historical outline introduces the second volume. The main part consists of the alphabetically arranged name articles with the local dialect pronunciation, the historical evidence series, with an etymological interpretation and the most important scientific secondary literature. A bibliography and various indexes complement the volume.

The **Adalbert Stifter Institute of the Federal Province Upper Austria** [Adalbert-Stifter-Institut des Landes Oberösterreich], is the center of onomastic research in the federal province of Upper Austria [Oberösterreich]. Scientific research into names has been carried out in Upper Austria for around a hundred years. In recent decades, the focus has been on the study of place names and water bodies. In recent years, research into surnames has also made significant progress. In addition, research into field names and farm names has

recently been intensified. Questions about onomastics can now be answered better, or at least formulated more precisely, using new research and mapping methods. Above all, the historical dimension of surnames can be better illuminated using modern access to written sources in the archives. The field of surname research has been anchored in the Adalbert Stifter House for several years through external research projects. For example, as part of a multi-year project funded by the Austrian Science Fund, the stock of Upper Austrian surnames ending in -inger was examined by Karl Hohen-sinner and Bertold Wöss.

Scientific name research is also carried out and promoted by organizing onomastic conferences and publishing relevant publications (e.g., the place-name book of Upper Austria; atlas of family names ending in -inger in Upper Austria).

The **University of Innsbruck** with its **Institute of Linguistics** were/are conducting two major toponymic projects in recent years. At the project "Field Names in Tyrol [Tirol]" researchers at the University of Innsbruck worked together with hundreds of local chroniclers and local knowledge carriers between 2007 and 2017 to document the Tyrolean field names that are still known today. Around 120,000 field names were collected in the 279 municipalities of Tyrol and located in a geographical information system. Not least due to this documentation, the field names were included in the national UNESCO list of Austria's intangible cultural heritage in 2018.

Starting in March 2007, the University of Innsbruck conducted the special research program "HiMAT – History of Mining Activities in Tyrol and

Adjacent Areas. Impact on Environment and Human Societies" (sponsor: Austrian Science Fund). In the following ten years the project aimed at an interdisciplinary approach by combining natural sciences and humanities – the former represented by mineralogy, petrology, archaeometallurgy, archaeobotanics, dendrochronology, zoology and geodesy, the latter by archaeology, history, ethnology and linguistics. One of the project parts was the collecting and interpreting of names such as microtoponyms, vulgo and family names on a synchronic and diachronic basis. This included interviews with local informants, inspection of mining sites and photographic documentation as well as archival research.

02 Organizing Committee

Chair: Peter Jordan, Ph.D., Honorary and Associate Professor, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Urban and Regional Research; University of the Free State (South Africa), Faculty of Humanities; ICOS Vice-President

Fatemeh Akbari, Ph.D., Terminology Committee, The Academy of Persian Language and Literature, ICOS Non-Executive Board Member

Philipp Stöckle, Ph.D., Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Center for Digital Humanities and Cultural Heritage

Peter Ernst, Ph.D., Professor, University of Vienna, Institute of Germanistics

Isolde Hausner, Ph.D., retired staff member, Austrian Academy of Sciences, ICOS President 1999-2002

Karl Hohensinner, Ph.D., Adalbert Stifter Institute of the Federal Province Upper Austria

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Heinz-Dieter Pohl, Ph.D., Professor emeritus, University of Klagenfurt, Institute of Linguistics

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03 Local co-organizing institutions

Besides the Austrian Academy of Sciences as such, the following institutions will function as co-organizers:

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Center for Digital Humanities and Cultural Heritage

Austrian Geographical Society

04 Travelling and accommodation in Vienna, Congress venue

The Congress city, Vienna, already venue of the ICOS Congress 1969, is a European metropolis with a rich cultural heritage due to its function as the capital of the Habsburg empire and the residence of the imperial court for centuries and its rich cultural life. For these very reasons it is also a first-rank tourist attraction.

It is easily accessible by public transportation including an airport in about 20 km distance from the city center with an international hub function, a dense metro (see Fig. 1) as well as local public transport system. Accommodation facilities of all categories are abundantly available – in the historical center nearby the Congress venue as well as in suburbs and outskirts well connected with the Congress venue by metro and tram lines. The metro station next to the Congress venue is “Stubentor” (metro line 3), but also the stations “Stephanplatz” (metro lines 1 and 3) and “Schwedenplatz” (metro lines 1 and 4) are only some minutes walking away.

Travel to Vienna by Plane

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- 60 airlines provide regular connections between Vienna and 190 destinations worldwide

Key data

- 29.5 million passengers in 2023
- The hub to Eastern Europe (34 destinations) and the Middle East
- 16 km/10 miles east of Vienna
- CO2-neutral operations at Vienna Airport as of January 2023

Duration to Vienna (european destinations)

Berlin	1 h 15 min
Warsow	1 h 15 min
Zurich	1 h 25 min
Rome	1 h 35 min
Bucharest	1 h 40 min
Brussels	1 h 45 min
Kopenhagen	1 h 45 min
Amsterdam	1 h 55 min
Riga	2 h 00 min
Paris	2 h 05 min
Stockholm	2 h 15 min
Oslo	2 h 15 min
London	2 h 20 min
Helsinki	2 h 25 min
Dublin	3 h 00 min
Madrid	3 h 10 min
Lisbon	3 h 25 min

Duration to Vienna (international destinations)

Los Angeles	14h, 1 stop
New York	9h 30 min
Washington	9h 45 min
Chicago	9h 50 min
Toronto	9h 40 min
Montreal	9h 15 min
Tokyo	16h, 1 stop
Bangkok	10h 15 min
New-Delhi	6h 55 min
Dubai	5h 35min
Abu Dhabi	5h 35 min
Seoul	10h 5min
Beijing	9h 20 min

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Travel to Vienna by Train

Vienna occupies a hub position in Europe's international rail network. Intercity and international express trains connect the capital with all parts of Austria and with all major cities in Europe.

Some samples of direct connections

Berlin – Vienna	7 h 40 min	2x/day
Bratislava – Vienna	0h 45 min	42x/day
Budapest – Vienna	2 h 40 min	16x/day
Frankfurt – Vienna	6 h 25 min	8x/day
Munich – Vienna	4 h	50x/day
Prague – Vienna	4 h	17x/day

Convenient, direct night trains

Amsterdam – Vienna	13 h 40 min
Brussels – Vienna	13 h 40 min
Hamburg – Vienna	12 h 50 min
Krakow – Vienna	8 h
Milan – Vienna	11 h 43 min
Paris – Vienna	14 h 46 min
Rome – Vienna	13 h 52 min

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13.9 million
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68
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Strong focus on
North America and Asia
as well as Central and
Eastern Europe



Airport Connections

Vienna International Airport

Connections between the airport and the city

- CAT (City Airport Train): 16 minutes non-stop, city check-in, single fare € 14.90
- Railjet Express (RJE) train: 15 minutes non-stop, single fare € 4.40
- Express train 7: 25 minutes, every 30 minutes, single fare € 4.40
- Taxi: 20 minutes, fare approx. € 33
- The buses of Vienna Airport Lines take you direct to Vienna city center, to the Donauzentrum via Messezentrum and Vienna International Centre (VIC)/Austria Center Vienna, or to the Westbahnhof and Vienna Main Station. Single fare € 9,50

More information:

<https://meeting.vienna.info/en/why-vienna/traveling-to-vienna>



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- The U2xU5 public transportation expansion is Vienna's largest climate protection and infrastructure project. The new U5 line will go into operation in 2026. The U2 will be on its new route from Rathaus station in the direction of Matzleinsdorfer Platz in 2028.

Flexible Congress Ticket

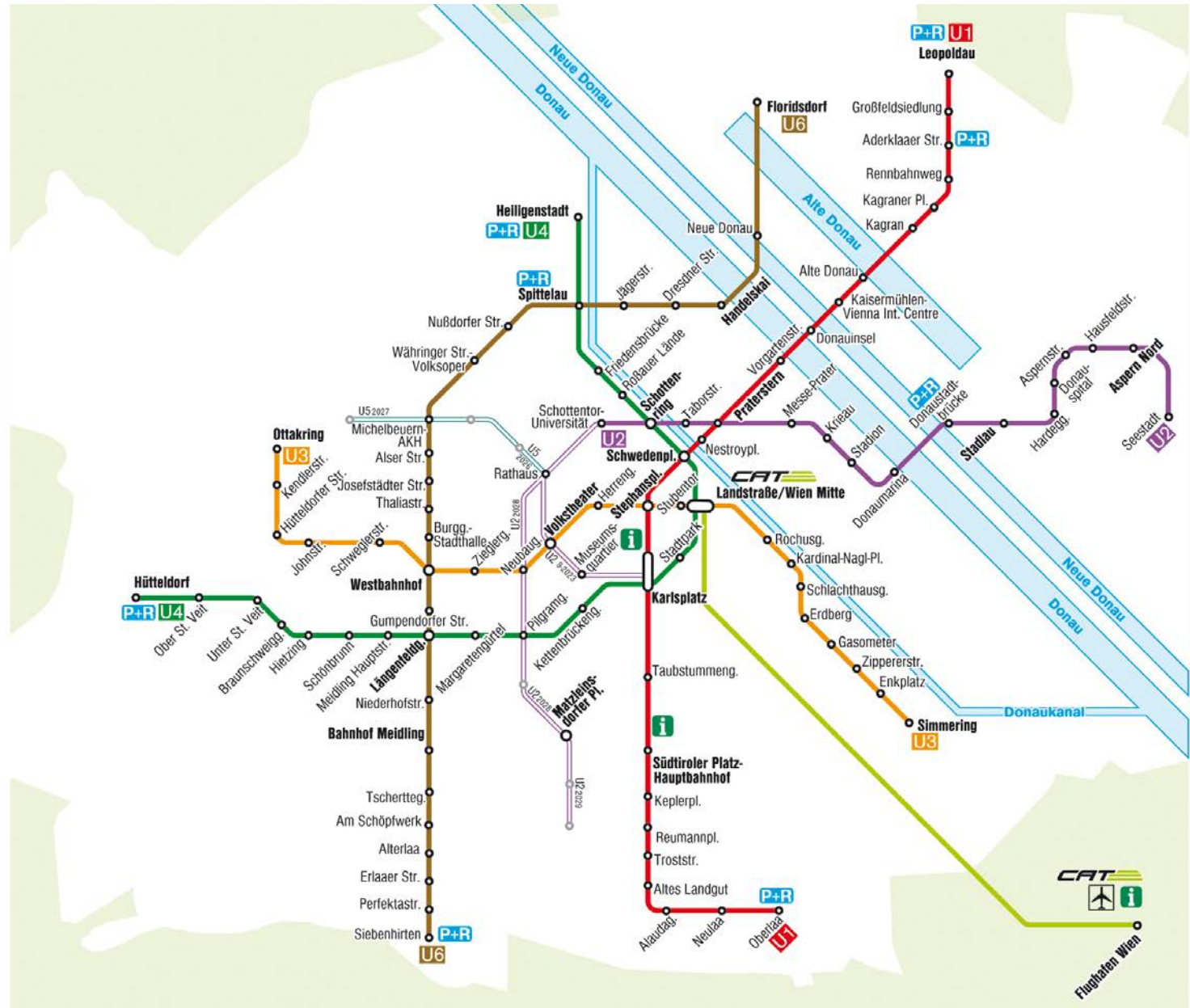
Wiener Linien also offers a special rover ticket to delegates and accompanying persons for the duration of their respective event. The ticket allows unlimited use of the entire public transport network for the duration of the event.

En bloc purchase by the organiser

- Price per ticket: € 17.10 for 3 days; € 19.70 for 4 to 7 days
- Wiener Linien also offers discounts from 2 % (from 500 tickets) to 30 % (from 10,000 tickets) for large meetings.
- Tickets can be branded with logo of the respective event
- Minimum quantity 150 tickets (no photographs necessary)
- Congress badge can be used as ticket (minimum 5,000 tickets)



Public Transportation



Where to Stay in Vienna

Hotel capacities in Vienna

25	5* hotels	4,546 rooms
166	4* hotels	17,320 rooms
154	3* hotels	12,258 rooms
65	2*/1* hotels	3,562 rooms
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410	hotels	37,686 rooms

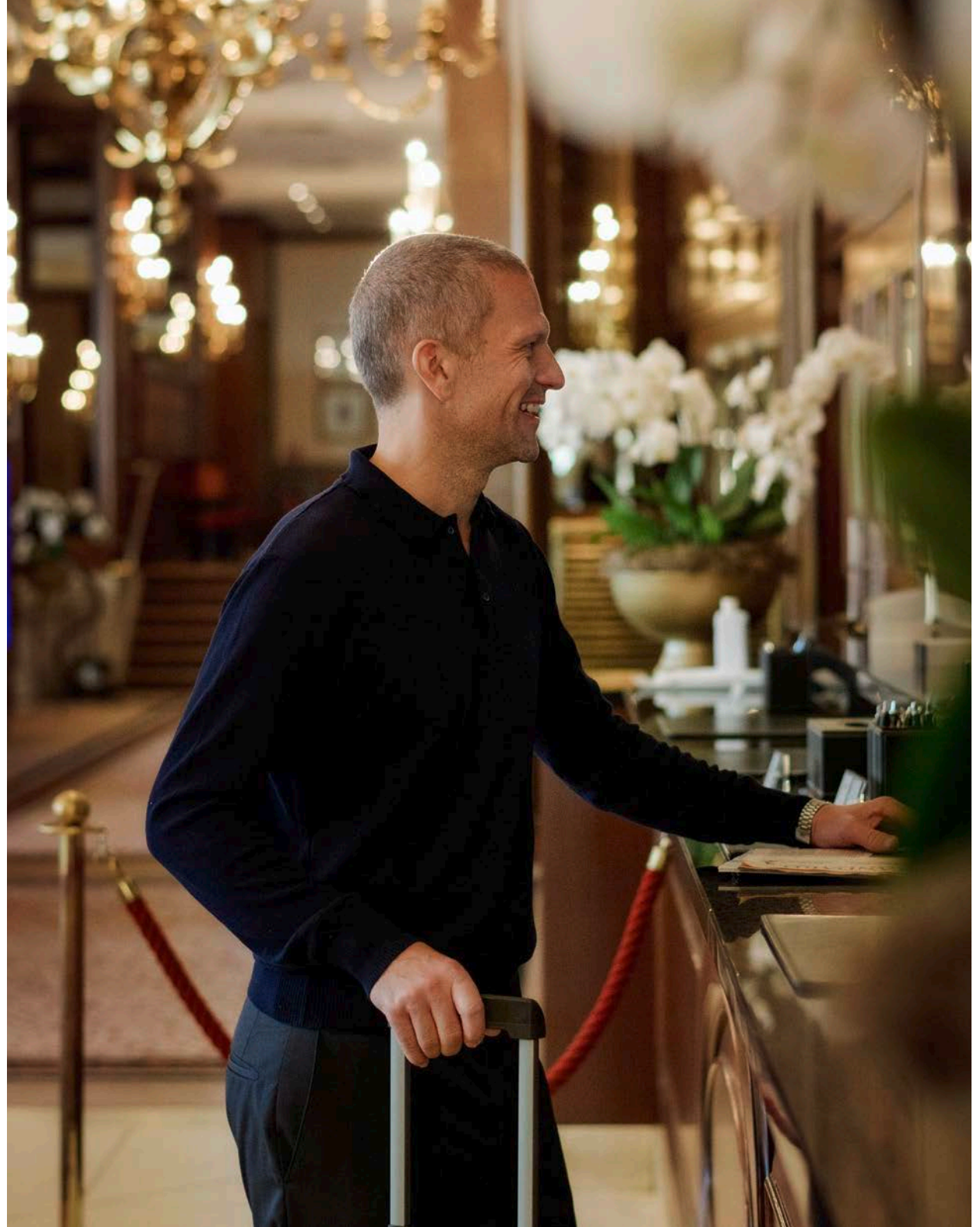
Figures correct as of November 2023
incl. seasonal hotels

Hotel projects

By the end of the year 2024, about 10 hotels with almost 2,000 rooms are planned for opening.

Hotel room allotments

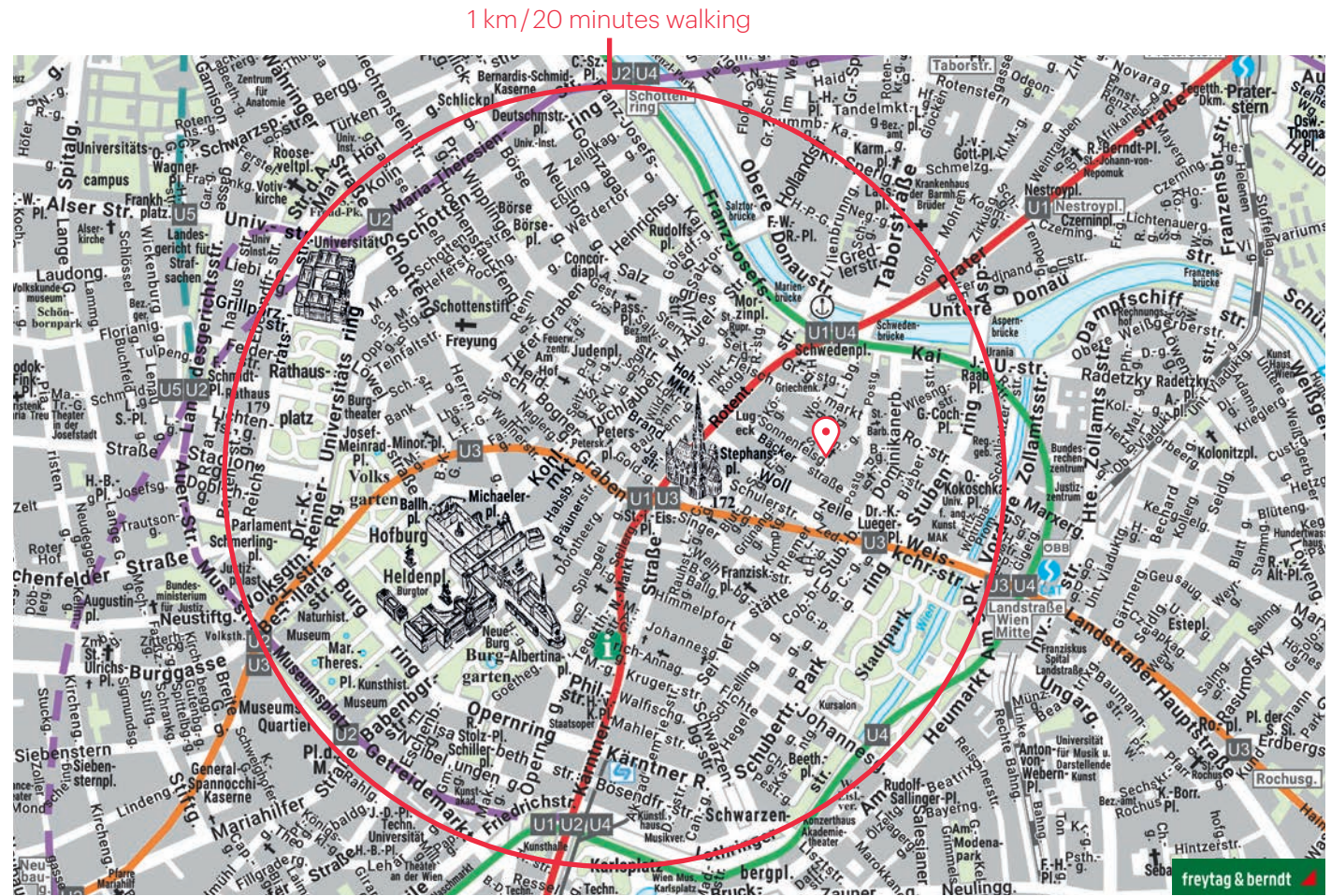
To provide you with adequate hotel room allotments for your meeting, the Vienna Convention Bureau will secure requested hotel room allotments for the International Congress of Onomastic Science - ICOS 2027.



Key Hotels Close to the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Selection of hotels with over 140 rooms within a walking distance of 1km to the Austrian Academy of Sciences

5* hotels	rooms
Almanac Palais Vienna	111
Hotel Bristol	150
Hotel Sacher	149
Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna	152
4* hotels	rooms
Austria Trend Hotel Europa	160
not classified	rooms
Motel One Wien-Staatsoper	400
Le Méridien Wien	294
Hilton Vienna Plaza	254
25hours Hotel	217
Grand Hotel Wien	205
Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof	196
Grand Ferdinand	188
Mercure Wien Zentrum	154
Hotel Park Hyatt Vienna	143
Radisson RED Vienna	179
The Ritz-Carlton	202
Vienna Marriott Hotel	323



📍 Austrian Academy Science located in the city center • More than 4,800 hotel rooms within 1 km

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences

Austrian Academy of Sciences

The Austrian Academy of Sciences, located in Vienna's historical center offers with a festive hall for 300 persons and five additional conference rooms space for six parallel sessions and in total 500 participants. Catering for coffee breaks and light lunch will be provided in the aula of the Academy's main building, but there are also several restaurants and cafés in the immediate surrounding.



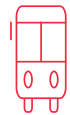
1 festive hall
5 meeting rooms



Congresses and events for up to **500** participants



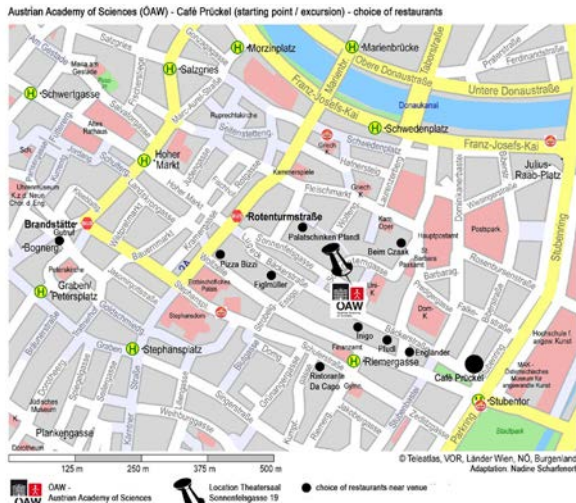
Largest space theater-style seating: **300** people



Well connected
25 min. to the airport by car
30 min. by train



4800 hotel rooms within a 1,000 m radius



Austrian Academy of Sciences



The Academy ensemble, a former monastery, with the Jesuit Church (= the former university church. The Academy main building was the former Vienna University main building.)

The Academy's festive hall with a capacity of 300 attendees – site of opening, plenary and closing sessions



05 Program

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the week from 16 to 20 August 2027 will be devoted to keynotes and paper sessions.

Wednesday will be reserved for excursions, e.g. a Vienna city tour by bus, a guided walking tour through the central part of the city, visits to art galleries, the national library and museums.

A conference dinner and a reception in the Vienna Town Hall invited by the City of Vienna will complement the program.

The ICOS Board could meet already Sunday afternoon before the Congress week and business meetings of working groups and the Onoma editorial board can be scheduled conveniently on the session days.

06 Approximate costs for participants

Estimated conference fee is 240 € for ICOS members

350 € for other participants or members registering late, (400 € for non-members registering late),

120 € for students and 120 € for accompanying persons

There will be a lower fee (suggestion now: 120 €) for countries with non-hard currency.

The conference dinner (not included in the conference fee) is 90 €.

07 Draft budget

Conference: ICOS 2027
 Time: 16.-20.08.2027

Estimated number of participants (for budgeting purposes): 500 participants

INCOME

Conference fee:	EUR	Est. Nr. Participants	Income EUR
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Subsidised fee	€ 120	50	€ 6.000
Early bird ICOS member	€ 240	180	€ 43.200
Late fee ICOS member, fee for non-members	€ 350	250	€ 87.500
Late fee non-members	€ 400	20	€ 8.000
			€ 144.700
Dinner fee	€ 90	300	€ 27.000

Students, Doctoral students,
 Accompanying persons, Participants
 from non-hard currency countries

City of Vienna

Vienna Meeting Fund	€ 12.300		€ 12.300
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If the criteria according to the funding guideline are met and the application is made in time (up to 3 weeks before the event), the funding for the International Congress of Onomastic Science ICOS 2027 with 500 delegates would be € 12,800 plus € 3,200 for a sustainable organization of the event.

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Lecture rooms and reception			
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INCOME TOTAL € 184.000

07 Draft budget

EXPENSES

invited speakers

invited speaker 1	travel expenses, incl. Taxis		€ 500
	Accommodation	€ 150 *7	€ 1.050
invited speaker 2	travel expenses, incl. Taxis		€ 500
	Accommodation	€ 150 *7	€ 1.050
invited speaker 3	travel expenses, incl. Taxis		€ 500
	Accommodation	€ 150 *7	€ 1.050
	TOTAL		€ 4.650

Meals, Coffees

	€ /participant	Est. Nr of participants	
Coffees	€ 80	500	€ 40.000
Lunches	€ 80	500	€ 40.000
Dinner	€ 90	300	€ 27.000

Materials and other expenses

Auditorium expenses

Funded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Subject to a formal application and the approval by the Mayor, the City of Vienna is ready to provide the Festive Hall of the City Hall free of charge for a reception (for up to 1,500 participants).

Free room rental city hall for reception	€ 13.000
Name tags and other material	€ 2.000
Printed material (programme, promotional material)	€ 2.000
Technical assistance in the lecture rooms	€ 30.000

EXPENSES TOTAL

€ 158.650

08 Timeline for congress planning

2024: Agreement with the Austrian Academy of Sciences, booking the rooms; agreement with a conference management company; recruiting the 9 members of the (Austrian) organizing committee and the 12 members of the (international) scientific committee.

2025: Opening the official congress web page, starting to apply for external funding, recruiting the keynote speakers (3)

2026: The first circular letter is disseminated in January. The deadline for workshop proposals is the end of May. Letters of acceptance of workshops are sent by the end of June. The deadline for the submission of workshop and general session papers is at the end of October.

2027: The second circular letter is disseminated in January, including acceptance letters for general papers. Registration for the Congress starts in March.

09 Timeline for congress proceedings

Congress proceedings will be published in print and digital versions, preferably in a well-established linguistic book series after a double-blind peer reviewing.

2026: Contract with a publisher

2027: In September dissemination of guidelines for authors. By the end of the year submission of full paper versions.

2028: January – May: reviewing; June – July: reaction of the authors to reviewers, paper amendments; August – end of the year: editorial work by the editor(s)

2029: typesetting and book production by the publisher including the checking of proof-prints by authors and editor(s)

Vienna Destination Support

RECEPTION BY THE MAYOR OF VIENNA

Subject to a formal application and the approval by the Mayor, the City of Vienna is ready to provide the Festive Hall of the City Hall free of charge for a reception (for up to 1,500 participants).

Your participants, invited speakers and officials will enjoy a special evening with Viennese atmosphere in the City Hall, one of the most splendid amongst the numerous monumental buildings along Vienna's Ringstrasse.

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES

Austrian Airlines is pleased to support the International Congress of Onomastic Science and act as "Official Carrier".

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE VIENNA CONVENTION BUREAU

Vienna is supporting organizers of congresses and corporate events through the Vienna Meeting Fund 2025-2028:

- domestic and international organizers of international (association) congresses and corporate events that take place on site in Vienna
- in the years 2025-2028
- in the months January, February, March, April, July, August, November, December
- additional funding for sustainable organization of the entire event
- funding is designed to provide assistance with costs incurred when hosting events in Vienna

If the criteria according to the funding guideline (<https://meeting.vienna.info/en/event-planning/funding-for-events>) are met and the application is made in time (up to 3 weeks before the event), the funding for the International Congress of Onomastic Science ICOS 2027 with 500 delegates would be € 12,800 plus € 3,200 for a sustainable organization of the event.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

City maps, a monthly programme of events and a general brochure on Vienna for your delegate package can be ordered free of charge.

PHOTO MATERIAL

The Vienna Tourist Board picture archive on photo.vienna.info contains more than 1,000 photographs related to sightseeing, architecture, entertainment, art, music, lifestyles, conferences, and other themes. For the design of the website and programme of your meeting, the digital pictures are provided free of charge.

MEETING CALENDER

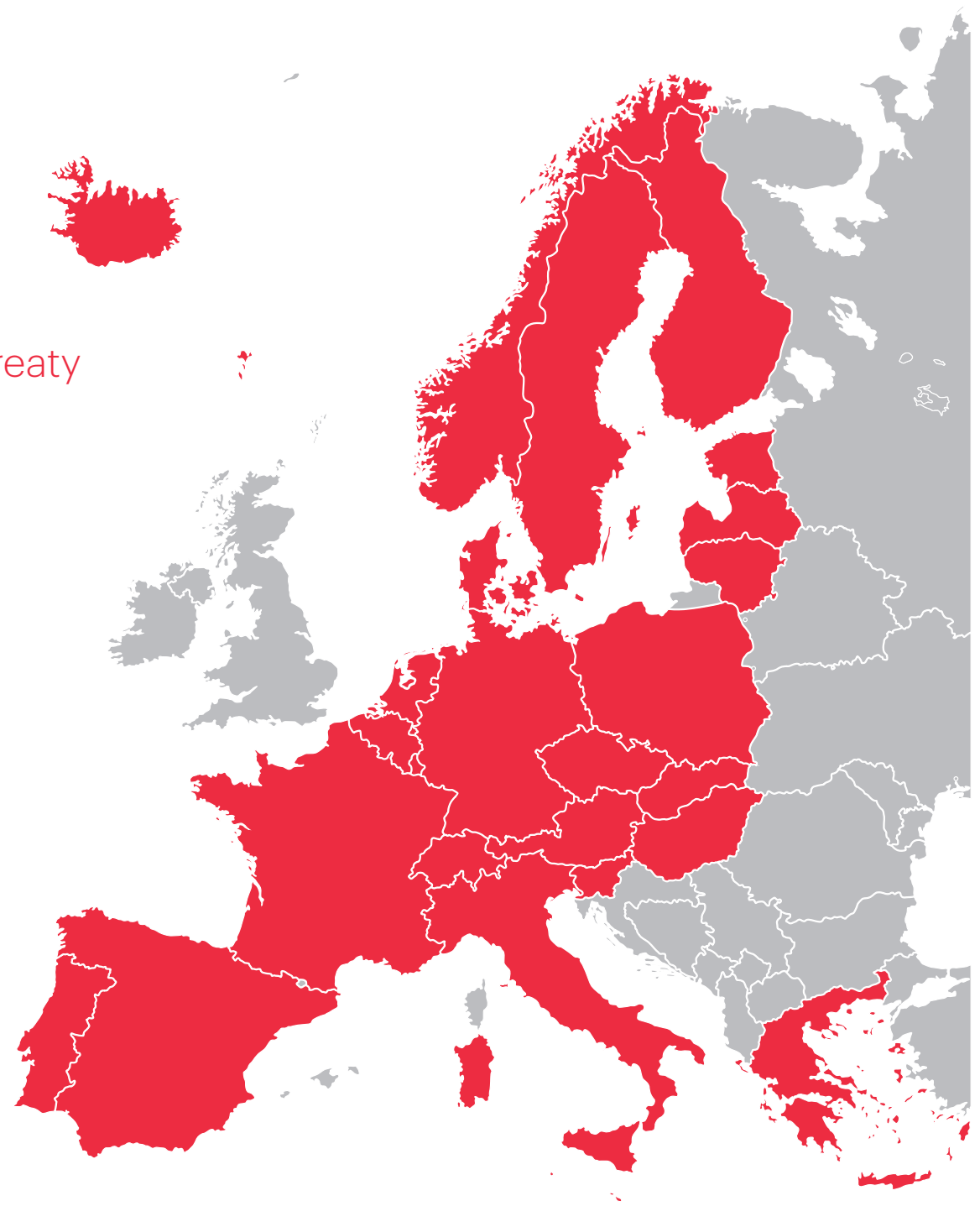
Your event is published free of charge in the Vienna Meeting Calendar on <https://meeting.vienna.info/> a link to your meeting webpage included.

THE DIGITAL CITY GUIDE IVIE APP

The app (for iOS and Android) casts familiar sights in a new light, provides secret tips, and has a whole bunch of curious stories in store. Themed city walks and handy information for everyday urban life are also part of the digital city guide and travel guide.



10 Visa Regulations



Who does not need a visa? Schengen Treaty

Citizens of all countries of the European Union, Switzerland, Croatia, Israel, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, of most of the countries of North and South America, and some other countries do not need a visa, only a valid passport is required to enter Austria. In case of doubt please contact the Austrian Consulate or Embassy well in advance before departure.

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland*
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein*
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway*
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland*

* non-EU members

Who needs a visa?

Obtaining a visa entitling you to visit one Schengen country automatically entitles you to travel to and from all the other Schengen countries too. Further information about visa regulations and Schengen visas can be found on the Austrian Foreign Ministry homepage:

www.bmaa.gv.at

Entry Requirements

A detailed list with entry requirements for citizens of all countries who do need a visa including contact details of the respective department of the Austrian Foreign Ministry can be provided.

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