

STACS 2007

Aachen



Survival Guide

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Conference Information

Get-Together

On Wednesday night, a get-together will take place in the Mayersche building, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Mayersche is a big bookstore in Aachen. It is located on Buchkremerstraße 1 (ten minutes away from the train station, on foot, see the map), and you should be able to read the name Mayersche on it when you approach. The get-together is in Forum M (location 2 on the centerfold map). Registration will be available there.

Registration

During the conference, the registration desk for STACS 2007 is located on the first floor of the Kármán Auditorium (location 3 on the map). It will be opened for the whole duration of the conference, but please register as soon as possible.

Luggage

You will be able to leave your luggage in the freely accessible room (location 4 on the map).

Talks

The conference will take place on the first floor. Sessions are held in the lecture halls named Fo4 and Fo5 and labeled A and B resp. on the map. Invited talks will take place in room A.

Internet Access

When your laptop detects the **MoPS** network at the conference venue, you can set up your wireless internet connection as follows.

1. Make sure that your laptop uses DHCP to configure its network settings.
2. Load the page <http://www.mops.rwth-aachen.de> in your browser.
3. Click on the link "Login for guests of the RWTH" on the right hand side.
4. **login:** stacs07, **password:** mugaomuv.
5. In case of problems or questions, please contact our technical staff at the venue.

Note that this wireless connection is not encrypted per se. However, every connection via SSH or with SSL encryption is of course secure.

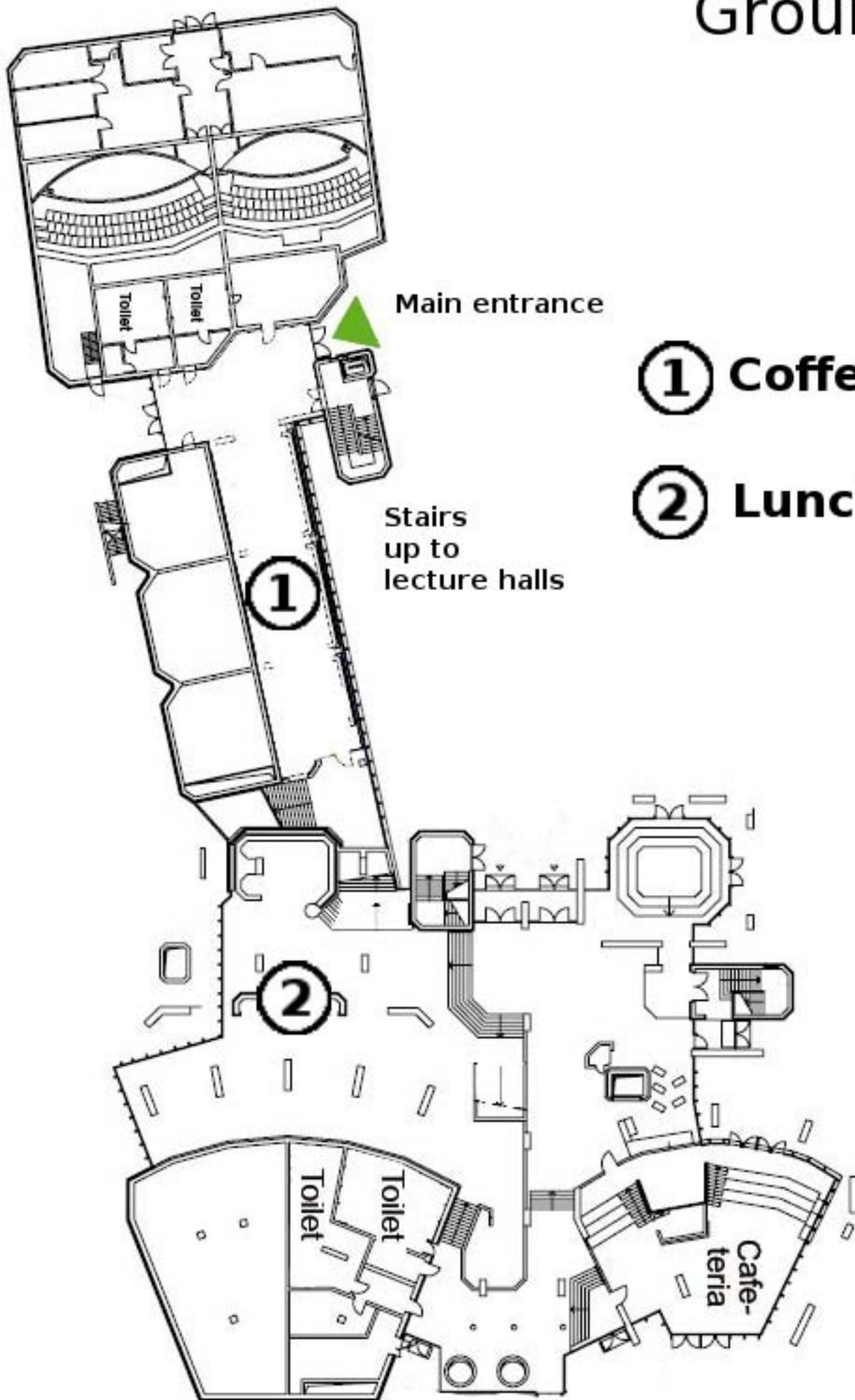
Computers for internet access will also be provided (location 5 on the map).

Lunch

For lunch, a buffet (included in the registration fee) will be offered to participants (location 2 on the map). There is also a cafeteria in the Kármán building, open on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Kármán-Auditorium

Ground floor



① Coffee breaks

② Lunch area

Kármán-Auditorium

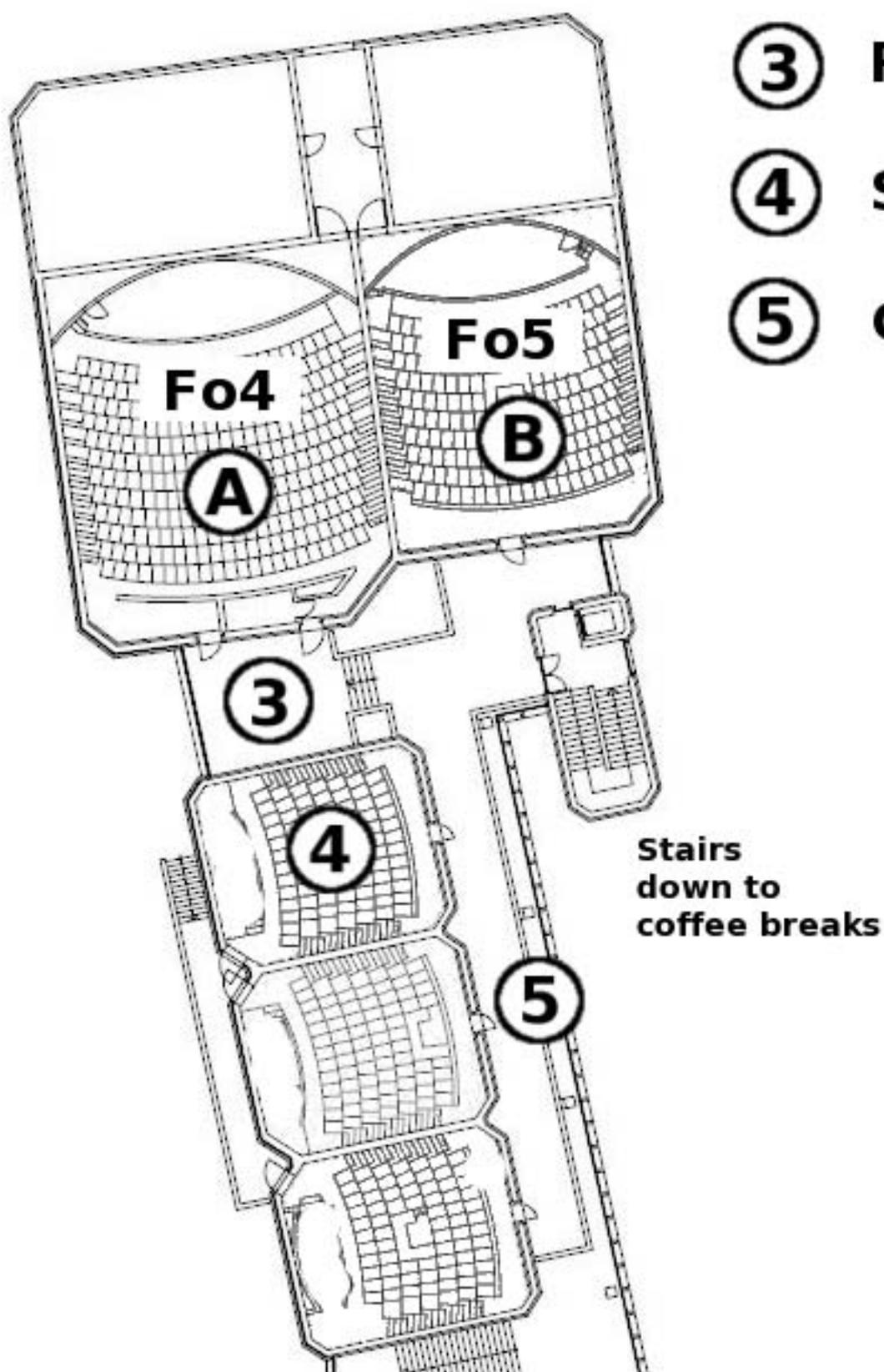
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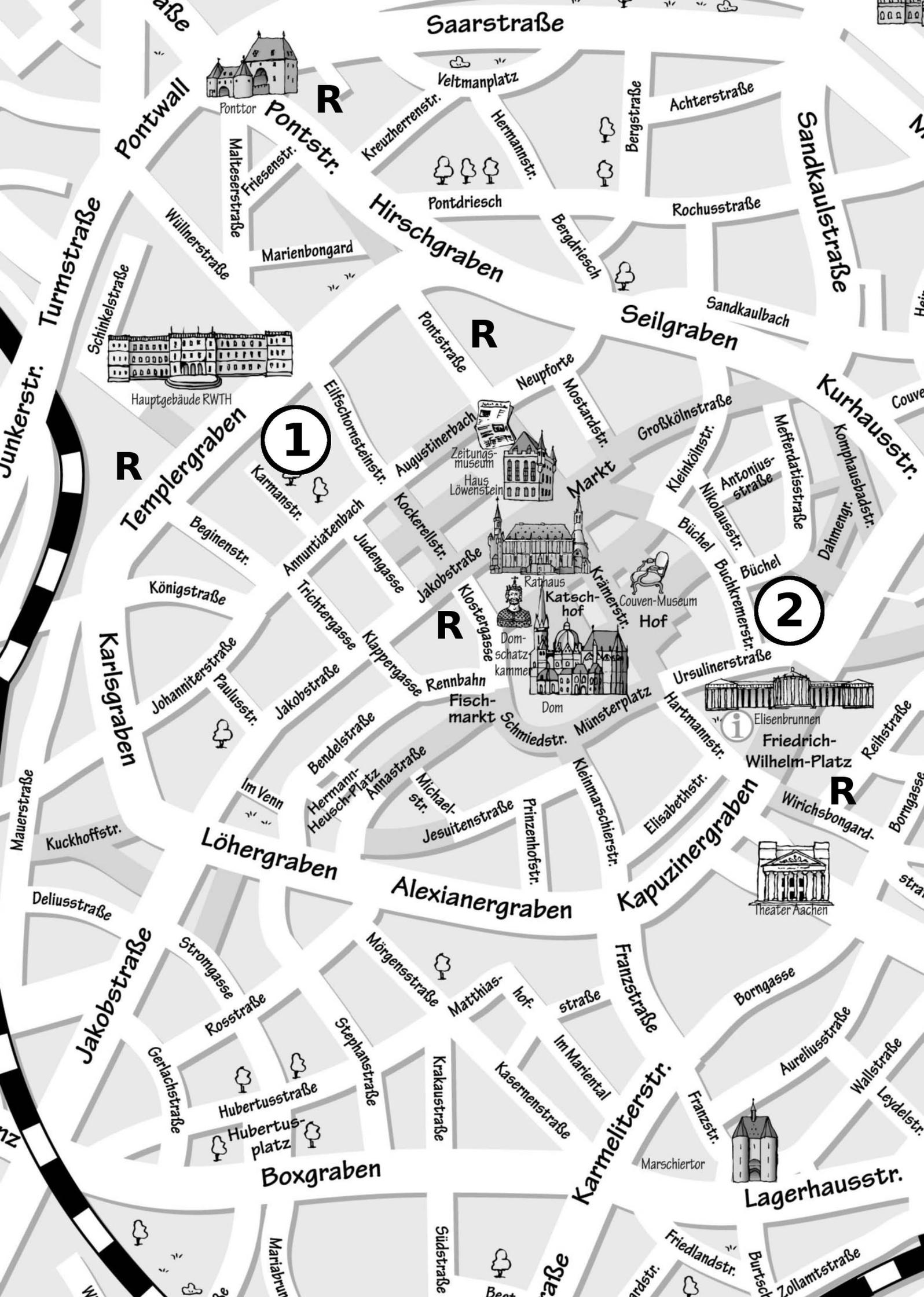
Ⓐ Ⓑ Lecture halls

③ Registration

④ Storage

⑤ Computers





Saarstraße

Pontwall
Pontstr.



Hirschgraben

Seilgraben

Templergraben

1

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Kurhausstr.

Karlsgraben

R

2



Löhergraben

Alexianergraben

Kapuzinergraben

Jakobstraße

Boxgraben

Karmeliterstr.

Lagerhausstr.

Hubertusplatz



Marienbrunnen

Be...

Südstraße



Friedlandstr.

Burtsch

Zollamtstraße



① Conference

② Get-Together

*Mayersche Forum M
Buchkremerstraße 1-7*

③ Railway station

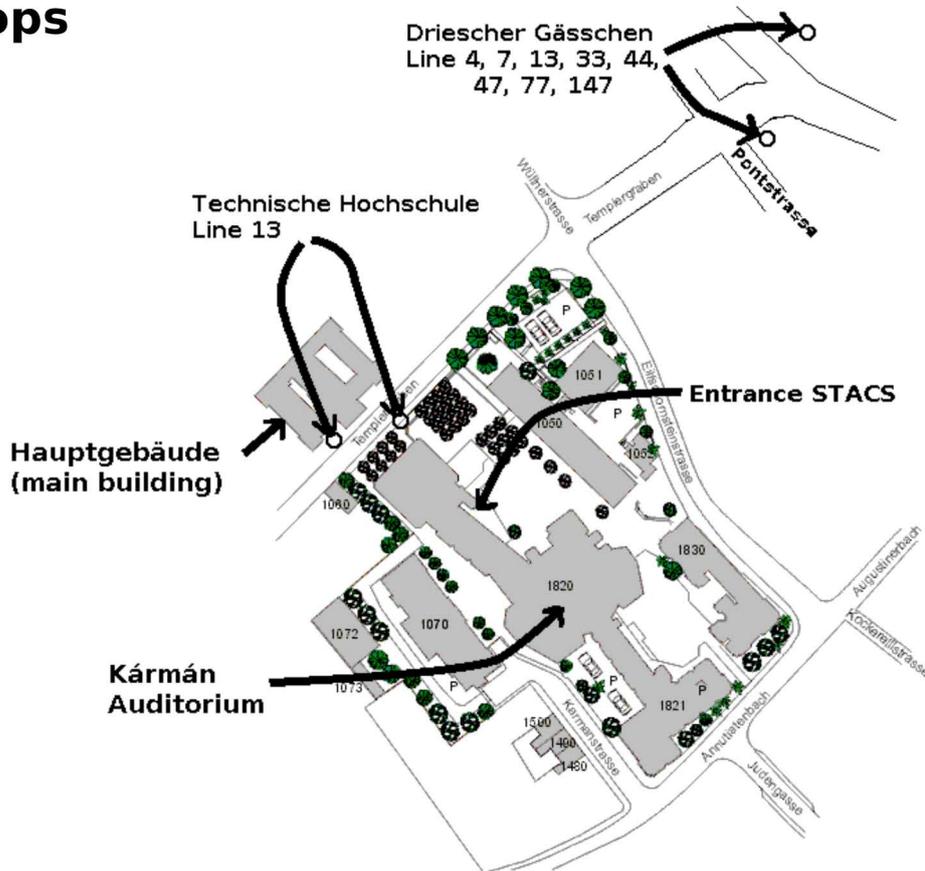
R Restaurant area

Railway Station Area



Central University Area

Bus stops



Moving Around

This booklet contains some maps where the main locations are situated. The tourist booklet that you got with this one contains bigger and more detailed (but less specific) maps. Another general remark is to be precise when you ask directions for the conference grounds, as the RWTH is distributed all over town. Your destination is the **Kármán Auditorium**. You can also ask for the RWTH Hauptgebäude (main building), which is across the street. You can also ask directly for Templergraben (the postal address is in Eilfschornsteinstraße, but this is a very small street).

By Foot

The town center is rather small, and a twenty minute walk should suffice to move between any two points inside the inner city. Most of the hotels as well as the train station are no more than twenty minutes away from the Marktplatz (market place). Another ten minutes is more than enough to reach the conference venue from there.

By Taxi

Stations: You will find a taxi station outside the train station, and another one at the Marktplatz (on Jakobstraße).

 You can call +49 241 3 444 1 to get a taxi.

Fares: usually range between 5€ and 15€ for an inner city trip.

By Bus

Maps: There is a general map of the town center and the bus lines on most bus stops. Be careful to know the name of the stop you are heading for, as there is no map of the bus line inside the bus. The name of the next stop is usually displayed behind the driver.

Fare: The fare is paid directly to the driver of the bus. It is not constant, so you must tell him/her the name of your stop. Count around 2€ for one trip. You are not required to provide the exact change, but you should avoid paying with more than 10€.

It is possible to buy a bus ticket that is valid for one day for 5.50€ for one person from the driver.

Web site: <http://www.aseag.de>

Stops: To go from the train station to the conference venue, you should take the line 13. The bus stops near the conference are 'Technische Hochschule' (line 13), 'Driescher Gässchen' (lines 4/7/33), and 'Königstraße' (lines 15/23/65/75).

By Car

You should leave your car at the hotel. There is no free parking space available close to the conference venue.

Local Information

Some useful things to know for your time in Aachen:

Credit Cards

The use of credit cards is limited in Aachen and in Germany in general. The most common way to pay is by cash (especially in restaurants). Most hotels accept credit cards, but not all. Make sure that yours does or that you are able to withdraw enough cash.

Several ATM locations are shown on the tourist information city map by a big red S with a dot on top.

Electricity

German voltage is 230 V. German plugs have two large sockets. If your equipment works in Belgium, France, or in the Netherlands, it should work here. You may find adapters and other electronic spare parts in TH Electronics, at Karlsgraben 47 (☎ 0241-404593, ☉ 9:00 - 18:30). Apple users should go to Gravis Computer, at Theaterstraße 70-74 (☎ 0241-30303, ☉ 10:00 - 19:00).

Restaurants

There are a lot of restaurants and bars in Aachen, for all tastes and all prices. To find one, you can try Pontstraße, Templergraben, or Jakobstraße (see the centerfold map). Tax is included in the price, as well as service, so you are only supposed to pay what is written on the bill. Obviously, tips are still appreciated; around 10% of the price are typical. An important thing is that restaurants close early. Finding something to eat after 11 p.m. is difficult. As already mentioned, many restaurants will not accept credit cards.

Shopping

Shops are everywhere in the town center. The main shopping area is Adalbertstraße.

Emergency

Police: 110

Fire department: 112

Conference Emergency Cell Phone: 0151-14042532

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held on Friday evening in Vaals, the Netherlands. Transportation to and from the restaurant will be organized by busses. You should get back with the group, as the location is quite far from Aachen. Note that if you wish to call a number in Germany while you are at the conference dinner, you must prefix it with 0049.

Touristic Information

Dom (Cathedral of Aachen)

The cathedral of Aachen is the oldest cathedral in northern Europe. Charlemagne began the construction of the Palace Chapel in 786. In 814 he was buried in his own cathedral, and his bones are still preserved in a special shrine. From 936 to 1531 the cathedral of Aachen was the church of coronation for 30 kings of the Holy Roman Empire. In 1978, it was one of the first 12 items to make the entry into the UNESCO list of world heritage sites.

On Thursday at 6 p.m., there will be a short historical talk about the Dom at the conference venue. Afterwards, a visit of the Dom is arranged followed by a reception in the historical Krönungssaal of the Rathaus (town hall).

Carolus Thermen

The Carolus Thermen is a spa and sauna center. This is a great occasion to relax in the hot springs of Aachen. All relevant information can be found in the tourist guide or on the web site: <http://www.carolus-thermen.de>

Further Information

For more details and many other suggestions, please refer to the touristic guide that is included in your conference bag.