



General Information Package

Wounds of War IV
Pain Syndromes
From Recruitment to Returning Troops

September 29th – October 2nd, 2011
Südkärnten, Austria



This package contains information to assist you with the planning of your visit. For your convenience the package is organized as follows:

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1. Introduction

The Interactive Media Institute (IMI), USA and Virtual Reality Medical Institute (VRMI), Europe, will serve as organizers for the three-day Advanced Research Workshop (ARW) entitled "Wounds of War IV: Pain Syndromes - From Recruitment to Returning Troops."

The ARW is scheduled for September 29th - October 2nd, 2011 in Südkärnten, Austria, and will gather experts from across Europe and North America to meet and discuss the impact of pain syndromes on military troops. This workshop follows up on three previously held successful NATO-sponsored advanced Research Workshops:

"Wounds of War I: Lowering Suicide Risk in Returning Troops"

- October 14 - 17, 2007; Südkärnten, Austria

"Wounds of War II: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder"

- October 19 - 21, 2009; Südkärnten, Austria

"Wounds of War III: Traumatic Brain Injury"

- February 20 - 22, 2011; Vienna, Austria



2. Useful Information

Workshop Co-Organizers

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3. Meeting Site

The NATO Wounds of War IV Advanced Research Workshop will be held at:

Amerika-Holzer Hotel

A-9122 St. Kanzian am Klopeiner See Südkärnten, Austria

Homepage: <http://www.amerika-holzer.at/>

4. Accommodation and Arrival Information

Room Reservations:

Reservations are to be done directly through the conference online registration portal. IMI personnel will reserve your hotel room for you.

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4.1 Traveling to/from Südkärnten, Austria

By Air:

Klagenfurt (KLU) is the nearest international airport and has many direct flights to and from major capitals. Some may have to pass through Vienna (VIE) to access Klagenfurt.

The ride from the KLU airport to the Hotel Amerika-Holzer at Klopeiner See is approximately 30-40 minutes. The hotel can be reached from the airport by €50 private shuttle. This shuttle must be reserved in advance directly with the Hotel Amerika-Holzer.

If you do not arrange this transportation in advance, please arrange separate travel arrangements, which will also be at your own expense.

By rail:

The nearest railway station to Klopeiner See is also located in Klagenfurt. This station can easily be reached via any larger Austrian city. There are hourly connections from Vienna and Graz. There is a bus that runs from Klagenfurt to St. Kanzian, but participants are responsible for their own transportation from the rail station to Hotel Amerika-Holzer.



By car:

Coming from the North: motorway A8 (München-Munich-Salzburg), change for A10 (Tauernautobahn) until Villach, then change for A2 (Südautobahn). Follow direction Wien-Vienna until exit "Grafenstein". Signs will lead you on the main road in direction Klopeiner See (Lake Klopein).

Coming from the East: Follow motorway A2 (Südautobahn) in direction Wien-Vienna until exit "Völkermarkt Ost". Signs will lead you on the main road in direction Klopeiner See (Lake Klopein).

Coming from the South: Follow motorway A2 (Südautobahn) in direction Wien-Vienna until exit "Grafenstein". Signs will lead you on the main road in direction Klopeiner See (Lake Klopein).

Please take note that drunk driving laws may vary from your home country. You will be fined if the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is between 0.05 percent and 0.08 percent. Over this level and you will incur a fine and/or suspension of driver's license. Visitors may drive using their national license, provided it is in a language that uses the Roman alphabet. Holders of other licenses generally must also show an International Driving Permit in English (available through motoring organizations such as AA, AAA, RAC, etc.). The authorities require that you carry your driver's license with you at all times.

Hotel Amerika-Holzer provides complimentary parking for all guests.

5. Meals and Refreshments

Breakfast

Breakfast is included in the room rate at the Amerika-Holzer Hotel

Refreshments

Coffee and other refreshments will be available in the meeting room during the morning and afternoon, free of charge.

Lunch

Lunch is included in the room rate at the Amerika-Holzer Hotel

Dinner

Dinner is included in the room rate at the Amerika-Holzer Hotel with the exception of the night of October 1st, 2011. Dinner will be on your own for participants who do not attend the Gala Dinner.



On the second evening of the event, Saturday, October 1st, 2011, the Gala Dinner will be held at the Sicher, located at:

Sicher KG / Fischrestaurant Sicher
Mühlenweg 2
A-9121 Tainach



6. City and Country Information

Klopeiner See

Klopeiner See (or Lake Klopein) is located in Carinthia Austria. Look forward to Austria's warmest lakes, golf courses, spas, and that inimitable Carinthian charm.

No matter whether you're interested in sports and other outdoor activities, scenery, sightseeing or culinary treats, you will find it all here. Swimming and sunbathing at Lakes Klopein or Turn, walking or hiking on the dozens of varied footpaths, climbing in the Koschuta or skiing on the Petzen are not to be missed.

The region of Southern Carinthia gives visitors plenty of choice for having fun while getting some exercise.

If you want a change, you can look around one of the interesting art galleries in Voelkermarkt or Bleiburg. Natural wonders, such as the spectacular Wildenstein Waterfalls, Troegen Gorge or Obir Caves with their stalactites and stalagmites are the highlights of many visits to Southern Carinthia for young and old alike.

Austria

Today, Austria is one of the wealthiest countries in the European Union, with a



high standard of living. It is a land-locked country, bordered by the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany. Austria's landscapes are amongst the country's leading attractions, and the Austrian stretch of the Alps remains a favorite with skiers.

Some useful websites on Austria and Carinthia/Klopeiner See:

<http://www.austria.info/>

<http://europa.eu/>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/au.html>

<http://www.klopeinersee.at/>

7. **Currency**

The unit of Austrian currency is the Euro (€).

One US dollar (\$) is equivalent to about 0.7438 € as of September 2011.

Currency Exchange:

Foreign banknotes and traveler's checks can be exchanged at foreign exchange banks and other authorized moneychangers.

Credit Cards:

Maestro Debit Card, Visa, AMEX, Diners, American Express and MasterCard are widely accepted at major hotels, shops and restaurants. However, debit cards are the more common form of payment. Check with your credit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services which may be available.

8. **Miscellaneous**

Weather:

Austria's climate is generally moderate and mild and reliably follows the four distinct seasons. Average summer temperatures range from 20°C to 30°C, the average winter temperatures are around 0°.

Time:

Austria is +1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Language:

The national language is German. English is widely spoken.

Meeting Attire:

Civilian / Business

Electricity:

Electricity in Austria is 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you



travel to Austria with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter.

Passport and Visa:

There are no border controls between EU nationals signed up to the Schengen Agreement. Likewise, U.S. citizens may enter Austria for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa.

Telephone:

Police	133
Fire Department	122
Ambulance	144