



The 19th Annual Meeting of the ISHN which will be held in Brussels, Belgium, is upon us. The May 15 deadline to receive early registration discounts is only one week away! Do not delay, register now. Please find information, registration form and complete program on the ISHN website (<http://www.ishn.org/>).

Similarly, availability and prices for the hotels as indicated on the website are only valid until May 15. Among the many hotels in Brussels, rooms have been booked for the participants in two hotels. Both are within walking distance of the ISHN 2014 conference site. As the central headquarters of the ISHN, we strongly recommend the Renaissance Brussels hotel. The Hotel Chambord, which is a nice hotel, has neither bar nor lounge - so no possibility of socializing nor of drinking a good Belgian beer on site! For your booking, go to the ISHN website, to [Accommodations \(Hotel Reservations link\)](#), under the picture. You should be able to book for the meeting - and the weekend before and/or after. Indeed we strongly recommend you to stay a few days more, in order to explore Brussels and Belgium treasures.

Students with limited resources may contact Geneviève Aubert in order to make their booking in a nice hotel in the city center where rooms have been reserved specially for them – again before May 15.

The excursion will be an exceptional event – booking in advance is mandatory as the places are limited, so register quickly. Among several exciting curiosities, you will be shown the 16th century register with Andries van Wesel (Vesalius) inscription as a student at the University of Louvain, as well as the new university library build after WWI, thanks to American generosity. For people with limited mobility, we can offer an alternative proposal – please contact me directly.

For the participants preparing a poster presentation, we remind you that a Prize for the Best Poster which will be presented during the Banquet. For the winner the subscription fee for next year's meeting will be waived. So be creative!

Besides its well established attractions, excitement is building in Brussels for 2014, with the commemoration of the centenary of WWI, the opening of the new Museum Fin de Siècle, the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Adolphe Sax, creator of the saxophone, and many more. (see http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/front/home/display/clt/BE_en/section/visiteur.do)

Some members have asked for special tours. Indeed Brussels is full of treasures somewhat out of the lambda tourist's way, well worth discovering. If enough participants are interested we could organize a guided walking tour of the historic heart of Brussels on Monday 30 June, and on Saturday 5 July in the afternoon, a

Brussels Art Nouveau tour or a field trip to Waterloo. If interested in one of these tours, please send me an email.

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

With the Scientific & Organizing Committees,

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