

Doc No.: N4153

Date: 2014-10-03

Project: JTC1.22.14882

Reply to: Nico Josuttis (nico@josuttis.de)

2015-02 LWG Meeting Invitation and Information

Welcome to the Spring 2015 Library Working Group meeting in Cologne, Germany.

The meeting will be held on

February 23 – 27, 2015

at

Hotel: NH Köln Mediapark

Street: Im Media Park 8b

City: Cologne (Germany)

Tel. +49 221 2715 – 0



The hotel is both the meeting location and the recommended lodging location.



Hotel reservations. We recommend attendees stay at the meeting hotel if possible to take advantage of the included breakfast and negotiated room rate. Register using this link before the registration deadline of January 20, 2015. This will ensure you are registered in the room block reserved for “ParStream” and will get the negotiated rate of 109€ (about US\$140) for single occupancy per night, which includes free breakfast, free Internet (with low bandwidth), and tax. For double occupancy, the price is 20€ higher.

You can reserve the rooms online here:

http://www.nh-hotels.de/events/de/eventdetail/21389/parstream_.html

Travel and Transportation. If you come from overseas, the most convenient way is to fly to Frankfurt (**FRA**) and take a 1h high-speed connection train. Note that the train ride might be offered as “connection flight” to **QKL** (try it; e.g. United doesn’t offer this option unless you explicitly search for it). But you can also fly to Cologne (**CGN**) directly or as connection flight from several major cities in Europe.

Details for the **Frankfurt option**: Cologne is a 1h train ride away from Frankfurt Airport (FRA), which is one of the biggest airports in Europe and which provides services for a huge number of airlines and alliances. A fast train "ICE" goes twice an hour directly from the airport station "Fernbahnhof" (long distance train station) to Cologne. These trains act like airplanes, providing a safe environment, high standard, and offering first class seats if you want to sit even more comfortable. With some airlines you can even book this train ride as "connection flight" to Cologne (they have official Lufthansa flight numbers with **QKL** or **QKU** as destination). Personally, you can buy tickets in the stations, can even pay in the train (with about 10€ added to the regular price) or buy tickets online in ahead here:

http://www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml. Ideally, book from "Frankfur Airport" to "Cologne Hansaring". The train costs about 70€ one-way (flexible travel time), but note that booking it as connection flight might be a lot cheaper. You can alternatively take the 2h "IC" train (taking a beautiful different route along the Rhine river for about 20€ less).

Details for the **Cologne airport option**: Cologne itself has its own airport (**CGN**) serving several direct flights especially from Europe, from where you can also take a short distance train to central Cologne or a taxi to the hotel (about 35€).

In Cologne, you can take a taxi from one of the central train stations you arrive (main station, called "Hauptbahnhof" or "Hbf", or "Messe/Deutz"). Or you can take the short or underground train (**S** or **U**) to go to "Hansaring" (10 minutes walk) or drive one additional station with the U12 or U15 to "Christophstr/Mediapark". Another option is a 20 minutes walk from Cologne main station.

Meals and refreshments. The hosts and your room rate will cover all breaks and meals during the meeting, but except breakfast and the evening meal. Lunch will be provided each day; breakfast is included in the guest room rate for attendees staying at the meeting hotel. Refreshments will be served at the meeting for mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.

Attendees will be responsible for their own evening meals, which can be taken in the hotel restaurant or in many restaurants in walking or short driving distance. In Cologne near the hotel or in the old town you will find shops and restaurants all over the place.

Attractions. Cologne is well known for its Cathedral, the crazy Carnival days (which are just over when we meet; but you can come one week earlier ;-), the old town, and the Koelsch beer. The hotel and meeting rooms are located in pretty walking distance (25 minutes walk) from these location. See <http://www.cologne.de/top-of-cologne.html> for details and more.

Weather. Cologne average weather in February is somewhere between possible daytime highs of 50F/10C and nighttime lows below freezing. Thus, it might be sunny, rainy, or even snow.

Host and Sponsors. The meeting is hosted and sponsored by ParStream, the analytics database (parstream.com) and IT communication.



josuttis | eckstein
IT communication

We are still looking for additional sponsors to host an evening event ;-)