WORKSHOP ON PARCHMENT CONSERVATION
Impact of conservation on biomolecular records

University for Continuing Education Krems 22-24 Aug. 2022
European Research Centre for Book and Paper Conservation-Restoration

Minor changes still possible

Workshop in the framework of ERC Advanced Grant Project “Beast to Craft” by Prof. Dr. Matthew Collins

Description
The workshop focuses on practical aspects of the so-called biocodicology. The core question in conservation of manuscripts and documents made of parchment is: how to best preserve them for the use and reading by scholars and at the same time not apply conservation methods and conservation material that interfere future scientific research of documents used to support the work of historians and philologists.

Emphasis lies on practical activity: how conservation treatment used is going to affect the microbiome and limit future research.

Questions coming from the participants are warmly welcome.

Lectures (some by Zoom) are given by Matthew Collins, Jiří Vnoček, Élodie Lévéque, Matthew Teasdale, Sarah Fiddyment, Annelise Bionis, Samuel Johns, Laura Vinas, Elena Badea, Patricia Engel

Language: English

PROGRAMME

Monday 22nd August 2022

09,00 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Hanus, the head of the Department

9,15 – 12,00 Morning practicals DUK room number H 3.6

ZooMS practical, Matthew Collins (hands on)
Lipid Sampling Samuel Johns (demonstration)

12,00-13,00 Lunch time

13,00 – 17,00 Afternoon lectures/ practicals DUK room number H 3.6
Tuesday 23rd August 2022

7,30  Bus to Kremsmünster Monastery (in front of DUK)

9,00-12,00  Morning lectures in the monastery
            Practical work on the manuscript collection of the monastery

12,00-13,00  Lunch time (brought along lunch is eaten in the gardens of the monastery)

13,00 – 17,00  Afternoon lectures in the monastery
Parchment survey: low cost/highly effective methods to survey parchment: visual survey,
source, animal, parchment making, sampling, pathogens.
Practical work on the manuscript collection of the monastery
Visual Survey, Jiří Vnouček / Elodie Leveque
Eraser Sampling, Sarah Fiddyment

17,30  Bus to Krems

Wednesday 24th August 2022

9,00– 12,00  Morning lectures DUK room number H 3.6
Methods of conservation, damage or other features?
Ethical issues: What is more important - to preserve the material or the text?
Patricia Engel
Effects of conservation treatment, Elena Badea
legal issues, in particular relating to the DNA.
Breakout groups.

12,00-13,00  Lunch time

13,00 – 17,00  Afternoon workshops and discussion DUK room number H 3.6 and SEC 2.02
5 steps of recommendation to take home.

17,00  Closing of the workshop

Registration fee: The course is sponsored by the Beast to Craft project and therefore there is no registration fee.

There is a limitation of participants with 17

Application
Please send your application for participation to patricia.engel@donau-uni.ac.at before 15th May 2022.
Accommodation
We have reserved rooms for you in the Kolpinghaus on the campus, [https://krems.kolping.at/en/](https://krems.kolping.at/en/). The rooms are available for moderate price and include a kitchen and a supermarket is close by. Please book the rooms by yourself – this is mandatory to be done before 15th May 2022.

Traveling to Krems
The closest airport to Krems is Vienna international airport. Train connections are available at [https://www.oebb.at/en/](https://www.oebb.at/en/). In Krems there is a bus available going to Campus: [https://www.krems.at/fileadmin/Dateien/Mobilitaet/KremsStadtbahn_Fahrplan_2020_A6q_V.pdf](https://www.krems.at/fileadmin/Dateien/Mobilitaet/KremsStadtbahn_Fahrplan_2020_A6q_V.pdf). But for anyone who is moderately fit, the walk from the station to the campus is absolutely feasible.

Grant
We can grant up to 400 Euros as a reimbursement for accommodation and travel costs for each participant. (tickets and invoices must be provided)

Maps
A map of the city and the campus can be downloaded at [https://www.unser-stadtplan.at/Stadtplan/Krems/map/Stadtplan-Krems.map](https://www.unser-stadtplan.at/Stadtplan/Krems/map/Stadtplan-Krems.map) and [https://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/university/campus-krems/campus-map.html](https://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/university/campus-krems/campus-map.html)