

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

The German Balint Society (Deutsche Balint Gesellschaft - DBG) feels honored to host the IBF Council Meeting in spring 2022 in Germany.

Aachen is an historical town with a Roman history and the place where Charlemagne was crowned in 800 A.D. The beautiful Aachen cathedral became the first building in Germany recognised as a UNESCO world heritage in 1978. Since 1950 the International Charlemagne Prize is awarded annually for the most valuable contribution to European understanding. Today Aachen also is well known as a student city with more than 50,000 international students in a city with 250.000 inhabitants. The RWTH is assigned as a university of excellence.

For the last 25 years the DBG has organised one of its annual Balint conferences in Aachen. The conference venue is a student meeting place located in the old centre of Aachen and surrounded by coffeehouses and restaurants.

As usual for all IBF conferences the various Balint groups will be led in English by experienced international group leaders. As a second track we will offer Balint groups in German. On Friday, after the opening of the conference, Dr. Phillip Herzog will give his talk „Patience and Politics - Establishing Balint Work in Medical Training in Germany“. On Friday evening we invite all participants and accompanying persons to come together with a buffet.

The IBF Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday after lunch from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. (meanwhile the German speaking Balint groups will have another group session). That way all international Balint groups will have four Balint sessions during the conference and the German speaking Balint groups will have five Balint sessions. On Sunday before closing of the conference a large/ fishbowl Balint group is open to all conference participants for a mutual Balint case.

As all IBF Balint meetings should provide time for professional/personal exchange and to meet each other, we will have a **Conference Social Event** after the Council meeting from 3.30 to 10 p.m. in the old centre of Aachen. We will join a guided tour with historic tales from Aachen, we will have a break with coffee and cake in the oldest coffee Aachen shop and we will visit Aachen Cathedral, the town's landmark. In the evening, a gala dinner will be served in the Ratskeller, one of Aachen's finest restaurants, located beneath the town hall.

Please note that the **Conference Social Event** on Saturday afternoon/evening is not included in the conference fee and needs an additional booking. All accompanying persons are welcome to join the excursion and the gala dinner, but need a booking in advance, too.

The total fee per person for the Conference Social Event, with the guided tour and including the coffee break with cake and the gala dinner is 70 € (drinks are not included).

To apply for the conference and book the Conference Social Event, please use the PDF-form on the IBF- or DBG-website.

The Deadline for applications is 20th of April 2022.

It helps our administration if you apply as soon as possible.

THE INTERNATIONAL BALINT FEDERATION (IBF)

The International Balint Federation was founded in 1972 by the association of the Balint societies of France (founded 1967), Great Britain (founded. 1969), Italy (founded. 1971) and Belgium (founded 1971). Today the IBF comprises 24 national Balint societies with a worldwide dissemination.

THE GOALS OF THE IBF ARE

To facilitate the contact between the member societies. To support the development of Balint societies and the spread of Balint work worldwide.

To advise Balint leaders and to provide standards for leadership training. To organise regular international Balint conferences, on which scientific findings can be discussed and national Balint societies can present their Balint work. To establish Balint work as an integral part of medical education.

IBF BOARD

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IBF Council Meeting and 25th Aachen Balint Conference

20.05. – 22.05.2022

English and German speaking
Balint Groups
English speaking Supervision Group

Organizer:
DIE DEUTSCHE BALINTGESELLSCHAFT
& INTERNATIONAL BALINT FEDERATION (IBF)



International Balint Federation



APPLICATION

via PDF application form online on
www.balintgesellschaft.de or www.balintinternational.com

MONEY TRANSFER

to Sparkasse Celle
BIC: NOLADE21CEL
IBAN: DE31 2575 0001 0054 5047 33
Deadline: 15th April 2020

CONGRESS ORGANISATION

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ConEvent GmbH
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Monday – Friday: 9.00 – 15.00

APPLICATION FEE

230,00 € for DBG or IBF members
250,00 € for non- members
50,00 € for students
In case of cancellation we charge 50,00 € for administration.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENT

70,00 € for the Conference Social Event on Saturday (3.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.)

Please make an additional booking also for an accompanying person

ADVANCED TRAINING

More information regarding Balint leadership training or Balint groups in Germany near your place of residence on www.balintgesellschaft.de

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BALINT GROUPS TO CHOOSE

- Balint group, English speaking
- Balint group, German speaking
- Supervision group, English speaking

CONFERENCE VENUE

Katholische Hochschulgemeinde (KHG),
Pontstr. 74-76, 52062 Aachen

ACCOMODATION

The conference venue is located in the old city of Aachen and many hotels are within walking distance:

INNSIDE Aachen, walking distance, approx 8 Minuts
www.melia.com/de/hotels/deutschland/aachen/innside-aachen/index.htm

B&B Hotel Aachen, walking distance, approx 6 Minuts
www.hotel-bb.com/de/hotel/aachen-city

Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom, walking distance, approx 8 Minuts
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/5326/index.de.shtml>

Motel One, walking distance, approx 10 Minuts
<https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/aachen/hotel-aachen/>

AIRPORTS NEARBY

Aachen is located in the heart of Europe close to the border of the Netherlands and Belgium. It is surrounded by a few international airports. To reach Aachen with connecting trains you need about

1.5 hour from Düsseldorf/ Germany

1.5 hour from Köln-Bonn/ Germany

2.0 hours from Frankfurt/ Germany

2.0 hours from Brussels/ Belgium

1.5 hour from Liege/ Belgium

1.0 hour from Maastricht/ Netherlands

ORGANISER

Die Deutsche Balintgesellschaft &
The International Balint Federation (IBF)

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANISATIONAL GUIDANCE

Priv.-Doz. Dr. med. Dr. phil. Guido Flatten MA

ORGANISING TEAM

Dirk Galke, Rita Pongratz, Jutta Wiebusch, Anita Permantier, Amelie Schmidt, Kathrin Balau, Anna-Lena Becker (students' anamnesis groups)

FRIDAY, 20TH MAY 2022

03.00 - 04.30 p.m.	Registration
04.30 - 05.00 p.m.	Welcoming speech and opening of the conference
05.00 - 05.40 p.m.	Dr. Philipp Herzog – IBF Leadership Task Force Lecture: „Patience and Politics – Establishing Balint Work in Medical Training in Germany“
05.40 - 06.00 p.m.	Break
06.00 - 07.30 p.m.	English and German speaking Balint groups/ Supervision group (Delegates may choose whether to join an English or German speaking group)
07.30 - 10.00 p.m.	Come together with buffet

SATURDAY, 21TH MAY 2022

09.00 - 10.30 a.m.	Balint groups / Supervision group
10.30 - 11.00 a.m.	Coffee break
11.00 a.m - 12.30 p.m.	Balint groups / Supervision group
00.30 - 01.30 p.m.	Light conference lunch
01.30 - 03.30 p.m.	IBF-Council Meeting
02.00 - 03.30 p.m.	German speaking Balint groups (for non-IBF-Council participants)
03.30 - 11.00 p.m.	Conference Social Event <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee break at confectionery Van den Daele• Guided tour Aachen Cathedral and old town• Gala Dinner at restaurant Ratskeller• (additional booking is required)

SUNDAY, 22TH MAY 2022

09.00 - 10.30 a.m.	Balint groups / Supervision group
11.00 a.m - 12.30 p.m.	Large Balint group
12.30 - 13.30 p.m.	Feedback, closing of the conference

Changes in the program may be necessary.



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Program

